**IMPORTANT EVENTS**

1838 Oldest abstract found. JAMES HEARD purchased 122 acres from government. NE fractional Quarter of Section 1, in Township 9 North, Range 30 West.

1840 Census: Annis Heard; Peter Kerkendall; Spencer C. Heard.

1850 Census: 93 James Heard 97 Hester Bunch

 94 Joel Dyer Martin Bunch

 95 James Goad 98 John Fisher

 96 Preserved Morse

1860 Census Richland Township

 370 Preserved Morse Thomas Wells

 391 Nat M. Lipscomb Thomas Cottrell

 491 Rich K, Pounds

1870 Census

 James Heard; W. C. Sullivent; Nat M. Lipscomb; Frank Hays; John William Moss; Preserved Morse; J. H. Manuel; Joe Dyer.

1876 Railroad built through Dyer Station. Small one room station built at West Crossing on South Side of Tracks.

1877 Cyrus and Charlie Dyer ran the Station. Stephen Dyer had a store on North side of railroad at the West Crossing. Post Office was in this store.

1878 Petition made to change part of road between Dyer and Alma. About this time Old Valley School built on Preserved Morse place.

1879 Depot burned.

1880 S. M. Dyer purchased land from Railroad Company where town of Dyer would be built later.

1880 Census: J. W. Moss; J. H. Manuel; W. M. Whittington; Robert N. Anderson; Sarah Ann Dyer; Floyd Loomis; Asbury Lawson; T. W. Woods; John Chitwood; James Moore; James Cottrell; John Jordon; W. C. Sullivent.

1884 George Dyer and John William Moss laid out the town in lots and named some of the streets such as Main; Washington; Kerkendall; Paul; and Hazel.

1884 Press Argus stated: Dyer had two stores; Saw Mill; Gin; Blacksmith Shop.

1886 A one room school built near site of present Baptist Church.

1886 John William MOSS built a hotel and the first General Merchandise store on South side of railroad. Hotel on Main Street and store was on Washington Street.

1888 First cotton gin and grist mill owned and operated by Stephen Dyer,

1889 16th of June Dyer Station was incorporated. Probably name was then changed to Dyer. A Mr. Davis, teacher and Methodist Minister, was the first mayor of Dyer. W. C. Fox built the first steam packing gin.

1890 A second room was added to the school building. A sorghum mill was built on the hillside.

**IMPORTANT EVENTS (cont)**

1892 Floyd Loomis built the first Methodist Episcopal Church South, on South Washington. Shelton Chastain had a store and Post Office North of Church.

1893 Floyd Loomis built the first Baptist Church near school. 1898 Arkansas River overflowed and damaged Riverside Community. Board sidewalks were laid about this time.

1902 School Building was sold to Herbert Cravens. A white frame two-story building built further South. It had four rooms.

1903 Dyer Gin Company erected first up to date (then) gin.

1906 Ed Chastain bought old Riverside church and built a two-story house on South Main street.

1907 J. D. Brannon built an electric gin on South Line Street.

1907 J. W. Moss sold hotel to Harve Chastain. Bought James Patton place on South Washington. His barn burned.

1908 Three store, facing South, on North Railroad Street. Merchants were: Richardson; Dock Brashear; Will Mason. James Patton was located on East Washington and J.W. Moss was on South side of tracks. Will Mason had the first telephone in his store. Terrall Rhodes was mayor.

1909 30th of June the three stores on North side of town burned. John Nelson house saved which was located where Rhodes store is today. Seven brick buildings replaced the ones burned. They faced East and five are standing in 1976. In December the first bank was organized. Henry Burrough was the first cashier. R. L. Lester was president and T. J. James was vice-president.

1912 First two grades of school moved to Methodist Church because of crowded conditions. Alice McClendon was teacher.

1915 A two-story store building built on West side of Washington Street, North of railroad. Upper level used by Lodges. Lower level was a clothing store run by Heard boys.

\_\_\_\_ Terrell Rhodes built building to be used for Post Office so it would not be moved from place to place. Monroe built the other building beside it for a Barber Shop.

1915 Concrete walks replaced the Board walks. Telephone Exchange on North side of town. Run by Joe Jeans. More Streets named: North; South; Alma; Loomis; Hancock Line, and Railroad.

1916 A calaboose built on South side of town. Town leased land from Railroad, East of Washington Street to be used as a street. Auto ordinance: Sign at city limits read: "Close your cut-out and slow speed to 10 miles an hour."

1917 Granted franchise for electricity. School Board bought land East of school from H. A. Bennett to build a new brick High School.

1918 Armistice signed. Celebration by school and marching at night

1919 Thomas William Moss elected as State Representative from Crawford County.

**IMPORTANT EVENTS (cont)**

1921 George Weaver given green light by Town fathers to operate a movie in two-story building.

1923 J. D. Brannon gin burned.

1925 Dyer Bank "went busted"

1926 Overflow. Trains could not cross trestle at Mulberry Creek. Mail sent over in boat and picked up for Dyer.

1927 Opening of Highway 64 North of city limits.

1930 May 1: Dyer School incorporated with Alma School.

1920 First Filling Station operated by Uncle Mack Dyer.

1949 Natural Gas piped into town. Now we are "cooking with gas".

1955 State surveyed town. August: Dial telephones installed.

1956 Streets black topped.

1959 June: Established corporating lines according to Court Orders in 1889.

1969 Water piped into town: a "Bathroom boom".

\_\_\_\_ Overflow that took a lot of bottom land.

1971 An old landmark fell victim to fire, "Old Sexton House".

1971 Voluntary Fire Department, Bought a fire engine.

 Built a Town Hall on North Washington.

 A Council Room; Mayor's office; Office for Water Department. Library Room and a fire Department.

1972 29th of October opening of Dora Moss Library.

1974 Stop and Yield signs put up at strategic places.

 Nancy Whitlow opened a Trailer Court on East Washington.

 Town Council hired Rufus Land as Town Marshall.

 Tony and Susan Alamo Foundation. Remodeled three old houses and built two more on Main and Washington Streets. Remodeled old Washburn Store into a chapel for their services.

1975 April Bicentennial Celebration with a Flag raising ceremony.

1976 January: Moved from old Post Office to the new building on South Main Street.

 May 15th Dyer will celebrate the Bicentennial with a Homecoming.

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