

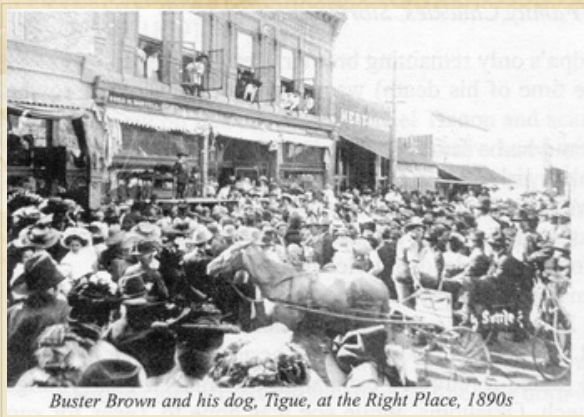


The "Right Place"

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Buster Brown and his dog, Tigue, at the Right Place, 1890s

Do you remember the "Right Place"? This writer remembers it for a number of reasons.

At one time the sidewalk was made of large pieces of limestone rocks. I remember those rocks because I helped to remove them and replace them with concrete. Likely the same concrete that is there now. This I am not positive.

I was employed by W.L. Miller, a contractor, who lived west of Siloam Springs, AR after he retired. Mr. Miller and his crew of workmen were building small bridges and culverts in Oklahoma on at least two state highways.

Mr. Miller placed a bid on building the concrete sidewalk mentioned above. Before we completed our

last job in Oklahoma, he came to me and told me that he was low bidder on the sidewalk and he was granted the job. Mr. Miller's work in Oklahoma was building a small bridge at Tahlequah. From Tahlequah he came to Ballard, Ok and commenced building culverts and small bridges on the present Highway 59 (known at the time as State Highway 17). He constructed all the culverts and bridges from Ballard to Westville, OK. We then moved to State Highway 10 where every culvert and bridge was made of green oak lumber. We started building ahead of the grading crew, thus we had nothing in our way.

From State Highway 10 we moved the concrete mixer and wheelbarrows and small tools to Siloam Springs. We began building the sidewalk that ran in front of the "Right Place". We started north of the corner near the "Right Place" and built the walk to the bridge. So as I worked in front of it for several days, I well remember it. Likely, there are people now living in Siloam Springs who recollect the place much better than I. Therefore, the "Right Place" certainly belongs on the list of pioneer buildings and businesses.

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-- Thomas Paine - American and English political activist, philosopher, political theorist and revolutionary, *The Crisis*, 1777

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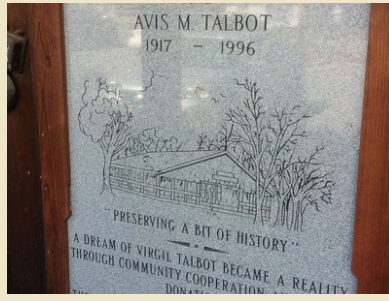
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