

Oklahoma Outlaws Poetry Contest
WINNERS

1st Place

Bill McCloud, Pryor OK

2nd Place

Jennie Mueller, Sapulpa OK

3rd Place

Irene Monnet Brown, Tulsa OK

STRINGTOWN

Some say Bonnie was with the gang
on that murderous day in Stringtown
when Clyde and the boys killed
that deputy and shot a sheriff

But she wasn't
She was visiting
her mama in Dallas
Spending hours in
her bed writing
dozens of poems
in her beloved journal

I'm not saying she didn't
end up doing bad things
A lot of bad things
But not on that day

On that day she was
visiting her mama and
writing love poems
while dreaming of a time
when her poems might
make her famous

--Bill McCloud

Charles A. "Pretty Boy" Floyd

In Ohio 1904, Walter and Mamie
Welcomed an apple-cheeked boy,
But Oklahoma, Prohibition time
Was where young "Choc" found his joy.

Running Cookson Hills,
Moving Choctaw beer through the stills,
Robbing banks and clearing mortgage bills.

At 30-years-old, he met Purvis' gun
Back in Ohio, the place of his birth.
As the world said goodbye to Public Enemy #1,
He returned to the embrace of the Oklahoma earth.

--Jennie Mueller

W.H. Darrough, U.S. Marshall of the Northern District of Indian Territory, 1902-1908

Pioneer:

He laid Oklahoma City's first sidewalk, was one of the County's first Commissioners, Supervisor of the first tax rolls, he served too as one of the first City Councilors.

Man of Law:

Named U.S. Marshall in Indian Territory in 1902.
He led the search for the murderous Wickliffe Gang to give them their just due.

Man of Peace:

A band of Cherokees asked him to help settle trouble, alone and unarmed. Warned not to do so, he went ahead, was greeted by hundreds, and was not harmed.

"Arrow":

His bravery and honesty gained the Cherokees' trust.
They called him "Arrow," because, they said, "He came straight to us."

Man of Faith:

In older years, the jolly man who sat at the end of the pew.
He taught adult Sunday School and often broke out in song on cue.

Pioneer, man of law, man of peace, man of faith, "Arrow",
My great grandfather, Marshall William Harrison Darrough.

--Irene Monnet Brown

Note: As Right of Way and Townsite Agent for A & C (later Frisco) Railroad, W.H. Darrough was allowed to name the town of Hugo, OK, a name chosen by his wife Lina to honor French author, Victor Hugo.



W.H. Darrough taken during his days as
U.S. Marshall