



Kit Carson County Pioneers:

Sidney B. Laune , 8 South 49 West

Sidney cash-claimed a quarter in 35, 8S 49W in 1890, and Sidney B. Laune another in section 33 in 1891.

In 1892 Sidney B. Laune is in the Colorado Reports list of attorneys.

In 1870 Seward County, Nebraska, L.D. Laune is 27, Jane H. 28, Cassius L. 13, Laura J. 11, Funhey (Finley) R. 6, and Sydney B. 4. (In 1902 F.R. Laune of Loveland, Colorado had a range on Seven Mile Creek east of Hugo, Colorado.)

In 1885 Seward County, Nebraska, Sidney is 20, with father Lewis 53 and mother Jane 43.

MILFORD, Neb., Sept. 2.—(Special).—The beet sugar convention held at this place yesterday was attended by representatives from Crete, Seward, Beaver Crossing and other localities. Much interest was manifested. The convention was addressed by Mr. Bennehoven of Seward, who had been a successful beet raiser in California, and is now cultivating them at Seward. He gave a brief description of the method of cultivating beets. Attorney S. B. Laune had gathered some very interesting statistics on the sugar products of this and other countries and gave the convention the result of his researches. Captain J. H. Culver, president of the Business Men's association, spoke of the necessity of diversified crops and compared the growth of the beet sugar interest with that of other products of the soil. Secretary Laune distributed a large number of bulletins issued by the Agricultural department on beet culture. As a result of the convention the farmers of Milford and vicinity will probably cultivate 500 acres of beets next season. Another convention will be held in October.

1897

In 1898 Sidney B. Laune of Milford, Seward County, was a Republican candidate for the 29th District seat. Sidney 1866-1928 is buried in Woodward, Oklahoma # 63495252 "Sidney Benton Laune , county attorney of Woodward County, died suddenly early Saturday at his home in Woodward. He was at his office on Friday. Laune was a pioneer resident of Woodward and a prominent attorney. He is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter. ". So is Signiora (Russell) Laune 1875-1956 - # 63495222 says they married in 1896. and had Paul Sidney laune in 1899, and Sidney Benton Laune in 1905. "Signiora Russel "Nonie" Laune's autobiographical account of life in early Woodward, Sand in My Eyes, writes of her first visit to town in 1896, "Sand blew in ripples along the street (Main). And what reader can forget her account of pushing a baby carriage loaded with two children from her home to town. "The begger's lice - the same old weed that had worried me in Texas - still plagued me," she wrote, "along with the sandburrs, another interesting item, and the dry flat leaves of yet another abominable plant; they all collaborated in sticking to my long skirts which they wadded into tight, hampering folds. I pushed and pulled and lifted the baby-buggy through the deep sand, across the tracks that had no crossing."

Nonie Russell Laune soon started her own cattle herd, rode across the prairie when she was only seventeen to teach ranch children in a one-room schoolhouse, and finally became a partner of her lawyer husband, Sidney Benton Laune, in the establishment of Woodward, Oklahoma, just across the Texas-Oklahoma border. Pioneers like Nonie Laune accepted the challenge of plains living and overcame water shortage, temperamental weather, loneliness, and isolation with optimism and little complaint. For those who could not adjust, isolation led to desolation, prejudice, and often violent behavior.

Although it's a few years after the 1890 and 1891 claims, Paul Laune's story about his father and Sam Houston's son is interesting.

Ours was one of the Woodward families closely associated with the Temple Houstons. My father, Sidney Benton Laune, and Temple Houston arrived in Woodward on the same day; the day the Cherokee Strip was opened—Sept. 16, 1893. Both were lawyers. Temple, the youngest son of General Sam Houston of Texas, was thirty-three years old and already a seasoned and very eloquent courtroom pleader. My father was fresh out of the University of Michigan Law School.

Between the two men a bond of friendship developed that was to stand the stress of many courtroom skirmishes, lasting until the untimely death of Temple Houston on his forty-fifth birthday.

Temple Houston's life was at times tempestuous, but it is doubtful if, in his monumental dignity, he ever allowed another man to lay a hand on him in anger in his entire life. The times he drew his gun in deadly earnest could be counted on the fingers of one hand, including the time when it had fatal consequences for Ed Jennings, brother of Al Jennings, then lawyers in Woodward.

In her book *Sand In My Eyes* my mother Signiora Russell Laune tells how she arrived as a bride in Woodward in 1896 and how father introduced her "to the men . . . who crowded around us to shake hands, and extend their congratulations and good wishes." Among the first to step up was Temple Houston . . . "He was a handsome man, tall and straight with searching eyes." His auburn hair fell in curly locks to his shoulders. He wore a 'Prince Albert' coat. His hat was a wide brimmed black Stetson.

"As I placed my hand in his I felt an instant liking. His manner was quick and nervous. He walked with short jerky steps, the exaggerated flare of his bell-bottomed (Spanish caballero style) trousers flapping about his small, high-heeled boots. He spoke in the same

quick nervous way, except on occasions when his voice fell to a slow deliberate drawl, hardly above a whisper. Every word and movement represented drama.

"As he stood with my hand in his, he teased me about my husband whom he often opposed in legal battles . . . he recounted with relish the story of the time he and Mr. Laune were returning from Beaver City, where they had gone on the District Court Circuit; Mr. Laune was driving a new team of broncos to his buggy.

"I kept telling Laune it was important for me to get to Woodward as soon as possible," said Mr. Houston, 'but he refused to hurry the horses. Noon came, and Laune stopped the team and began to unhitch them from the buggy. I remonstrated in fervid eloquence, but to no purpose. Laune hung nosebags from their ears and never did two animals take more time to munch their grain. Then gentlemen, heaven help me if he didn't start to picket them out to graze! He said they were too tired to continue the journey—they needed rest and grass. After expending my breath in futile argument. I stretched out on the prairie, pulled my hat over my brow, and prepared to sleep.

"Suddenly there was the most frightful ripping and snorting. I looked up to see those poor weary animals that needed refreshment and rest, tearing over the peaceful landscape as though all the furies of Hades were driving them. S. B. was standing there with a hurt, baffled look on his face, watching them go. With harness flying they high-tailed it into the far blue distance.

"And I said, I hope to God those poor jaded beasts get some rest and grass! Then I closed my eyes and went to sleep. While I slept there in the shade of the buggy, S. B. trudged over the prairie, through the blistering heat, after those da—durned horses. He caught them somewhere, cornered in a pasture, or they'd be running yet."

Temple was the first child born in the Governor's mansion in Texas, when his father, Governor Sam Houston, was sixty-seven years old. At the age of seven his mother died, and Temple was left an orphan. His father had died when he was three.

1905 "Be known that we, SIDNEY B. LAUNE and CHARLES M. SHELDEN, citizens of the United States, residing at Woodward, in the county of Woodward and Territory of Oklahoma, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Storm-Shields for Buggies and other Vehicles; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same. "

Hon. S. B. Laune, republican candidate for district judge, is making a vigorous campaign, speaking to large audiences and will be elected by a splendid majority. Mr. Laune, while county attorney prosecuted and convicted a large number of violators of the law. He resides at Woodward, near the center of the district, and is accessible by rail or wagon. During the last two and a half years the laws have not been enforced and the people want a change. The taxpayers have paid heavy expenses for murder trials in this district during the past two years, but no murderer has been punished. Judge Laune, while practicing law, has given some time to the study of farming and has a well improved farm near Woodward, and farmers will be benefited by his suggestions as to how to develop western Oklahoma. Mr. Laune is admitted to practice in the supreme courts of Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma and the U. S. district court of western Oklahoma, and is a graduate of the law department of Ann Arbor, Michigan. He has always been an active worker for western Oklahoma, advocating and aiding in the construction of good roads, good schools and churches.

1910

Paul Sidney Laune married Mary Terral in Springfield, Colorado August 6, 1922, performed by minister L.>C. Elver of Springfield.

"Paul Sidney Laune (born Woodward, Oklahoma 1899 æ" died 1977) was an author, painter and illustrator, known for his book covers and for paintings he did of rural Western U.S. pioneer scenes. He covered pioneers, ranch-life, quarter horses in his paintings. He painted five murals for the Plains Indians and Pioneers Museum in his hometown.[1]

After graduating from the University of Oklahoma, Laune worked as an illustrator and art critic in New York. He also lived in Phoenix, Arizona, where he drew quarter horses and wrote a book on them.[1]

Among the more famous works he illustrated, were books in the Hardy Boys Mystery Series. "

1902 "S.B. Laune of Woodward, Oklahoma is visiting Loveland friends."

1907 Loveland, Colorado "W. E. Jefferey and F.R. "Laune", accompanied by their respective families, left for California last week, where they will spend the winter."

1910 "Be it known that I, FINLEY R. LAUNE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Loveland, county of Larimer, and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Sage-Brush-Pulling Machines; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make 'and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification. "

An interlocutory decree of divorce was entered in the district court Tuesday in the case of Joyce Laune against Virgil Laune. The wife charged that her husband made her live at his mother's home and that there she was submitted to abuse and humiliation and that he would not provide another home for her. They were married in September, 1917.

1920 Loveland

1920 Fort Collins "Attorneys Ab Romans and Finley R. Laune of Loveland were business visitors in the city Wednesday."

CHARGE MADE IN LOVELAND SHOOTING HAS BEEN DISMISSED

Deputy District Attorney W. H. Whitlow, Jr., was at Loveland on Thursday afternoon where a preliminary hearing was held in the case of Virgil Laune, charged with assault with intent to kill the alleged victim being his father, F. R. Laune, who it was charged, was shot by the son during some trouble on November 1. At the hearing, according to the testimony, it developed that the father had been carrying a revolver and that the shooting by the son was in self-defense. Justice of the Peace Ira D. Payne, who heard the case, dismissed the charge against Virgil Laune.

1921 Larimer County, Colorado

November 4, 1921 Lincoln, Nebraska "Finn R. Laune, fifty-five years old, a wealthy and prominent pioneer of Loveland, was shot by his son, Virgil, thirty years old, while assaulting his wife, two years his junior, during a quarrel. Luane is not expected to recover. His son was taken into custody by the police pending an investigation. The son stated that his father struck his mother several vicious blows on her body, head and face, cutting her lip. When he saw blood flowing from the cut on his mother's lip, young Laune interfered and was threatened with death by his father, who was armed. The son obtained an automatic revolver and fired one shot at his father in the house. The elder Laune ran from the house, followed by his son, who fired three more shots at his father, two of which took effect, one in the right groin and the other in the lower part of the abdomen, passing thru the liver. Laune fell to the ground, without, it is said, having tried to shoot his son. Virgil Laune is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Laune. He is divorced and living with his parents"

Finley 1864-1936 is buried in Loveland # 31456322.