

# THOMAS E. OAKES

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The subject of this sketch was born at Goodwater, C. N., in 1846, where he also received his education. In 1869, one year after leaving School, he married Miss Emily Duncan, daughter of Rev. H. A. Duncan, of Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation. His first wife dying in child birth Mr. Oakes married Miss Margaret Ervin, in 1871, in Towson county, by whom he has five children. Mrs. Oakes is a sister of Columbus C. Ervin, of Doaksville, a very popular citizen.

The first public office held by Thos. E. Oakes was that of supreme clerk, which he filled for six years. In 1882 he was elected county judge, occupying the bench until his election to the House of Representatives in 1884. In 1885 he became county judge and served two years. In 1888 he was appointed district collector of the third district, a position he now holds.

Thomas E. became a member of the Masonic order in 1883 - Doaksville lodge No. 2, and was made worshipful master in 1885. He is the owner of two farms containing three hundred acres and fifty acres under cultivation, and a small herd of cattle.