

Book Describes Early Doctor's Farm

The establishment of farms and ranches as show places is not a new hobby in Oklahoma. According to J.B. Thoburn's "History of Oklahoma," Dr. James L. Kennedy and his brother came to Tulsa, **Indian Territory**, in 1891, settling down as physicians and surgeons in The Village of Tulsa.

In 1901, Kennedy began to develop a 620-acre farm in Black Dog township of Osage County. Thoburn described the farm in glowing terms, indicating it may have been one of the best estates in that area.

"Upon this farm he (Kennedy) has made the best of modern improvements, including the erection of a commodious stone house and two large barns, one of which is stone and the other of frame construction," Thoburn wrote.

"The doctor has shown much discrimination in diversifying the agricultural products of his farm, has been one of the most successful growers of alfalfa in this section, and in the raising of livestock he has the best grades of full-blood Red Durham cattle and Duroc-Jersey



swine. As a lover of fine horses, he has been prominently identified with the raising of the best thoroughbred and standardbred types. ...

"On his farm Dr. Kennedy has a vineyard of 1½ acres and in connection with same has proved that the finest varieties of grapes can be raised here with distinctive success. His well-developed apple orchard comprises four acres; two acres are devoted to peaches and ¾ of an acre to blackberries."