

Albert Lee Archer was born 4 May 1880, son of Thomas Jefferson Archer and Martha Jane Stewart near Grapevine in Tarrant County, Texas. He came to Indian Territory with his parents in 1890 and moved on to Roger Mills County, Oklahoma Territory in 1899. Lee Archer was married to Blanche Alice Roberts 7 January 1900 at Cheyenne, Oklahoma Territory. Blanche was born 24 November 1878, daughter of Gore Wade Roberts and Sarah Frances "Fannie" Williams. Lee and Blanche were distant cousins sharing the same great-grandparents Evan A. Stewart and Nancy B. Jenkins. Lee and Blanche lived on his homestead over near Texmo for the next ten years where their first five children were born. On the 11th of November 1900, Lee and Blanche presented the first grandchild to Tom and Martha with the birth of Dovie Jewel. Other children followed: Willie Violet was born 29 August 1903; Roy Thomas was born 8 January 1906; Robert Perry was born 2 March 1908 and Fannie Jane was born 11 February 1910. In the summer of 1910, Lee and his family, along with Walter (his brother) and his family sold their homesteads in Roger Mills County and went to Burlington, Washington. However, they were there less than a year when they decided to move on. They went to Springerville, Arizona. It was there, on 20 December 1911, that their son Robert Perry died and is buried. Lee and Blanche lived in Springerville with Lee and Walter building houses. The families were there on 22 July 1912 when Lee's mother, Martha sent a picture post card of herself and daughters, Demie, Allie, and Grace in which she wrote: "This was taken the 14th of this month. How do you think us Arizonans look? I don't think we will be Arizonans very long." — Lee and Blanche's sixth child, Bessie Lee was born in Springerville, Arizona on the 17th of September 1912. In 1916, Lee and Blanche decided to go back to Burlington, Washington and take another look. Perhaps there was more there than they had noted during their brief stay in 1910. There was a growing lumbering industry there. On 26 April 1917, Madenia Myrtle was born. Two years later, their last child Evelyn Fay was born 27 April 1919. Lee worked at Butler's Mill in Blanchard, Washington. He drove a lumber truck for years for Massers Lumber Company. The depression came along in the 1930s and the lumber companies laid off many employees and Lee began working for the town of Burlington as City Marshall. He held this job until he became disabled from brain tumor in 1937. He died 10 November 1940. Blanche lived near her daughters in Burlington as long as she could care for herself. Her last years were spent in nursing home due to lung congestion and constant need to have fluid pumped from her lungs. Blanche died 16 December 1967. Both Lee and Blanche are interred in the Burlington Cemetery.