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Mesquite Native W. H. Lumley Farmed Near Lawson Community after His Marriage

W. H. Lumley, better known by his nickname of "Babe," is the son of the late Thomas and Rachael Lumley and was born on the old Lumley home southeast of Mesquite, now the Lucas farm, on Sept. 25, 1862 and his entire life has been spent in this section. He was married to Miss Sarah Frances Potter, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Potter of the Lawson community, then known as Haught's Store, in 1887, and soon after that they purchased a farm from Sam Haught, near what is now Lawson and that has been his home ever since. Mrs. Lumley passed away in 1934. She was a sister of Mrs. John McKenzie of Mesquite. Since then, Mr. Lumley's son, Bill and his family live with him at the old home place. There are five children, two daughters and three sons, namely, Mrs. George (Alta) Miller and Mrs. W. S.

(Tressie) Johnson, both of Mesquite; J. C. Lumley of Elam, Bill Lumley, Lawson, Mesquite route 1 and Vernon Lumley, Mesquite route 3. He and Mrs. Lumley joined the Baptist church soon after their marriage and he has been a consistent member. The Lawson store, near his home, which H. W. Lawson purchased from Sam Haught, was operated by the last named before Mr. Lumley was born.

This sketch of Mr. Lumley is briefer than in the case of some others who were born in other states, moved several times and followed different occupations, for he has lived only on two farms, the one on which he was born and his present home, these two places being just a few miles apart, all his life and has never had any occupation other than farming.