

Born

Saturday,  
December 9, 1922,  
8:00 P. M.

*We've found a blessed Baby,  
That in the night-fall came  
All unannounced from Heaven,  
Without a card or name;  
The angels must have brought it here  
For us to love—Our Baby Dear!*

## Place of Birth

Born in a 6 room house, painted yellow, in Buffalo, County seat of Harper County, State of Okla. Population there by increased to 751. Town also famous that year for a high percentage of girls born. Those present at birth were Grandma Walker, Aunt Fanny Miller, Dr. Anderson & Daddy. Below is a picture of the house where I was born.

Moved to Okla City, Okla Nov., 5

1923.

I remember, I remember,  
The house where I was born,  
The little window where the sun  
Came peeping in at morn.

## Baby's Name

Mary Frances Walker

I was named after my  
Aunt Mary, Daddy, and Great-  
aunt Fanny Miller.

Now that we claim it,  
What shall we name it—  
Rosiest, cosiest lamkin Pet?  
Something alluring,  
Something enduring,  
Best of all titles we've heard of yet.

## Baby's Weight

at birth	—	8	pounds
at two weeks	—	9½	pounds
at one month		11½	"
at three month		13½	"
at six month		16½	"
at 1 year		25	"
at 2 years		28	"

Every grain of gain is noted,  
Every scratch of the scale so fine—  
What's the use when the precious bundle  
Far outweighs a rare gold mine!

## Baby's Height

I was 21 inches at birth, 3 mo.  
I had grown to <sup>be</sup> 25 inches. I hope  
to, at least 65 in. When 2 years  
I grew to  $33\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Measuring Baby, that bundle of sweetness,  
How can one measure such measureless charms!  
Ne'er was a baby such pink of completeness  
Rose-cheeks, and sweet eyes, and fat dimpled  
arms.

## Baby's Parents

my Daddy was born, in Hutchinson, Kansas, July-18-1899, and was the second son of a family of three, two boys and one girl. He was working in the First National Bank, Buffalo Okla., when I was born.

My mother was born in Marfa Texas, Sept-17-1897, and was the youngest child of a family of 4 boys and 4 girls. Daddy & Mother were married Buffalo, Okla., Oct-28-1921 by Reverend H. A. Budy at the home of Mrs. F. B. Bink.

Pictures below were taken about time I was born.

Better a home with a baby,  
And floor all littered with toys,  
Than one that is empty forever  
Of childish prattle and noise.

## Grandparents

My Granddaddy Walker's name was  
Leuis Edward Walker born at Lodi Wis.  
1854. Spent his life in Wis  
Nebr. Kans, Okla. & Texas. He died  
at Austin, Texas Nov-10-1919. He  
was successively engaged, as a  
Farmer, Lawyer, Banker & Railroad  
Builder.

My Grandmother Walker's name  
was Anna Elizabeth Hedger, born in  
Paris France. Oct- -1858. She  
immigrated to United States with  
her parents as a small girl and  
lived in Nebr. Kans. & Texas. She  
was a school teacher and could  
talk French & Spanish as fluently  
as English.

My Granddaddy Mc Minnis, name  
was Robert Edward Mc Minnis, was  
born Mo., Nov-27-1946. He  
spent his life in Mo. Okla. & Texas.  
He was successively engaged, as  
a Ranchman, Farmer & Banker.

My Grandmother Mc Minnis, name was  
Margaret Wright Turner, born in Columbia  
Mo. Mar-7-1861. She died at the age of  
56 yrs. May 10-1917 in the Hospital White  
Hanson.

It were a noble tree  
To shoot forth such a bud.

## Gifts

Baby Book	-	Mrs. Brink
"	-	Selma Ring
Sacque	-	Aunt Mary
"	-	Cousin Eddie
Dress	-	Grandma
"	-	Aunt Mary
"	-	Josie Rea
crocheted shoes	-	Mrs. Byler
felt	"	
and rubber dolls	-	Mrs. Woodington
(Hank + Susie Jean)		
kid shoes	-	Stella Brown
rubber pants	-	"
silk hose	-	"
carriage robe	-	The Arnolds
Baby Basket	-	Aunt Marie
3 Bibs + doll	-	Grandma
Booties	-	Mrs. Maud
"	-	Claney Anderson
"	-	Aunt Ethel
silk mittens	-	Edna Anderson
Booties	-	Margaret Roether
Rattle, spoon + fork	-	The Mc Minn Children
		(Olive Ruth, Martin + Richard)
Spoon + fork	-	Mrs. Phillips

We bring thee gifts, so rare and fine  
 Wrapped with a love that is all thine.  
 But the gift thou givest, precious elf,  
 Is costlier far—thou givest thyself.



Spoon	_____	Aunt Molly Anderson
Hot-Water Bottle	_____	Aunt Mary
Ring	_____	Newton Dick
Beauty-pins	_____	Aunt Mary
"	_____	" Louise Turner
"	_____	Uncle Lewis
Carriage robe	_____	Aunt Louise-Lorenge
and shoes	—	Mother + Daddy
(Pink satin quilted)		
Shoes	_____	Aunt Ethel
Nursery Chair	—	Aunt Fanny Miller.

## Baby's first Laugh

When I was three days old, Grandma asked me if I liked the folks I came to live with, and I smiled!

I laughed out loud when I was two months old.

What sound can have such music  
As thy sudden laughter bright?  
What words can have such meaning  
As thy murmurs of delight?

## Baby's first Outing

When I was two weeks old  
I spent a week out on the  
Hoy farm with Aunt Linnie  
and all the little cousins. I en-  
joyed my first "journey" very  
much, but I was glad to  
get home to my family again.

Hear the birdies singing,  
Listen what they say—  
"Here's a new, new Baby  
Coming out to-day."

## First Short Clothes

I wore short dresses when  
I was first came to live  
with mother & daddy.

Come, fold the long white robes away;  
Baby's to wear short frocks to-day.

# Baby's first Picture



*Here a dimple, there a dimple,  
Rose-leaf flushes peachy pink;  
Surely not a charm is lacking—  
Baby's perfect, don't you think?*

## Baby's first Party

My first party was Halloween  
Oct. 31-1924. My two little Cousins  
Madeline & Lucille Hay gave a Mask  
party and I wore a little dress  
made of orange crepe paper  
trimmed in Black. Everyone  
thought I looked like a doll.  
I enjoyed it very much. I  
thought all the boys and  
girls look very queer in  
their garbs.

All homage to the King, this day of days,  
For he holds his court and seeks thy praise;  
Each tribute fair he will requite  
With crows and gurgles of delight.

# Baby's first Word

la la

*Sweetest music, soft and clear,  
In the stammering word we hear;  
Gladdest sound of human voice,  
Making mother's heart rejoice.*

# Baby's first Step

10 Mo. old.

Two little feet so small, that both may nestle  
In one caressing hand—  
Two little feet upon the untried border  
Of life's mysterious land.



## Babyhood Events

I was bathed in my little tub when I was one month old. I had my picture taken just before aunt Fanny & Grandma went home. I was about 6 weeks old. Took my first buggy ride when I was six weeks old. Began to sit alone when 6½ months old & used my nursery chair since I was 9 mo. old.

Sweet childish days, that were as long  
As twenty days are now.