

## The First Eight Months of Oklahoma City

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By Bunky, The McMaster Printing Co., 1890 (reprinted in 1988). Reprints are widely available and sold for as little as \$5.

### ESSENTIAL OKC HISTORY

**Review:** Early day journalist "Bunky" records it all - the euphoria of the initial run, the politics of establishing a new town, the rush to establish industry, the unsuccessful effort to build a canal from the North Canadian River to the city's young industrial area, and the heartbreak of financial ruin for many of the settlers.

Bunky - real name Irving Geffs - was with the infantry posted in Oklahoma City the day before the Land Run, and after he left the army he remained in the city and ended up writing with some of the city's earliest newspapers, one run by Frank McMaster. Although too many of the history books written about Oklahoma City veer far too much into serving as tributes, this first account holds no punches and reveals much about the successes and failures of the city's founding fathers.

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