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The Story of Edmund Guerrier

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Stanley Vestal once wrote that when William Bent closed his first adobe trading post on the Arkansas River it was the end of the "old west" and the beginning of the "wild west." William Bent and his friend Kit Carson were among the pioneers of the old west. General Custer, General Hancock, Ben Clark, "Buffalo Bill" Cody, "Wild Bill" Hickok, George Bent, and Charles Bent were among the participants of the Indian wars representing both sides of the conflict. There was a unique frontiersman who knew all of these men well, a man who witnessed first hand the end of the old west and experienced the adventure and hardship of the wild west. He played a part on both sides of the Indian wars and survived the Sand Creek Massacre. His name was Edmund Guerrier, and the town of Geary, Oklahoma is named for him.