

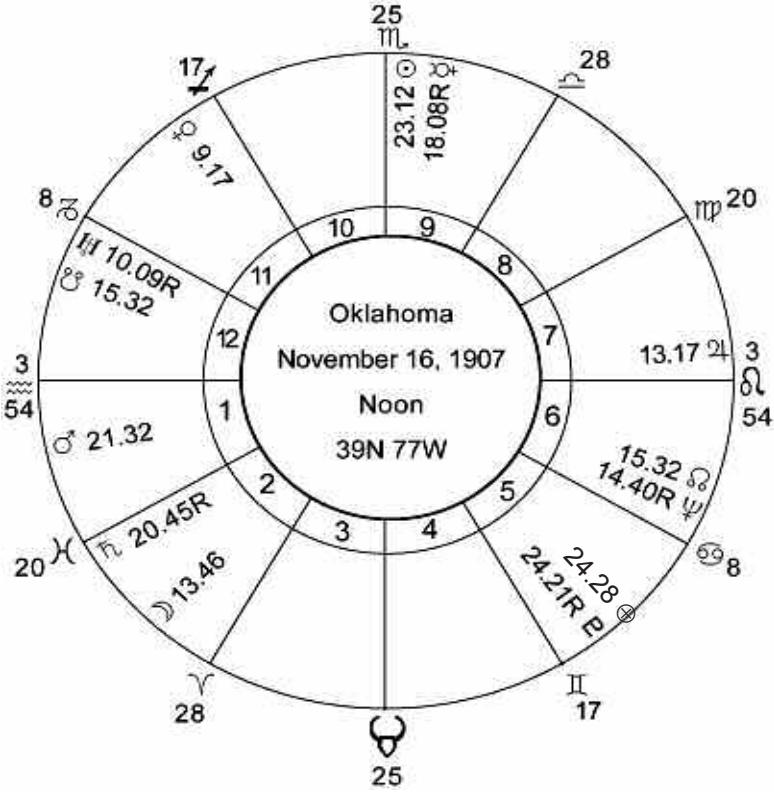
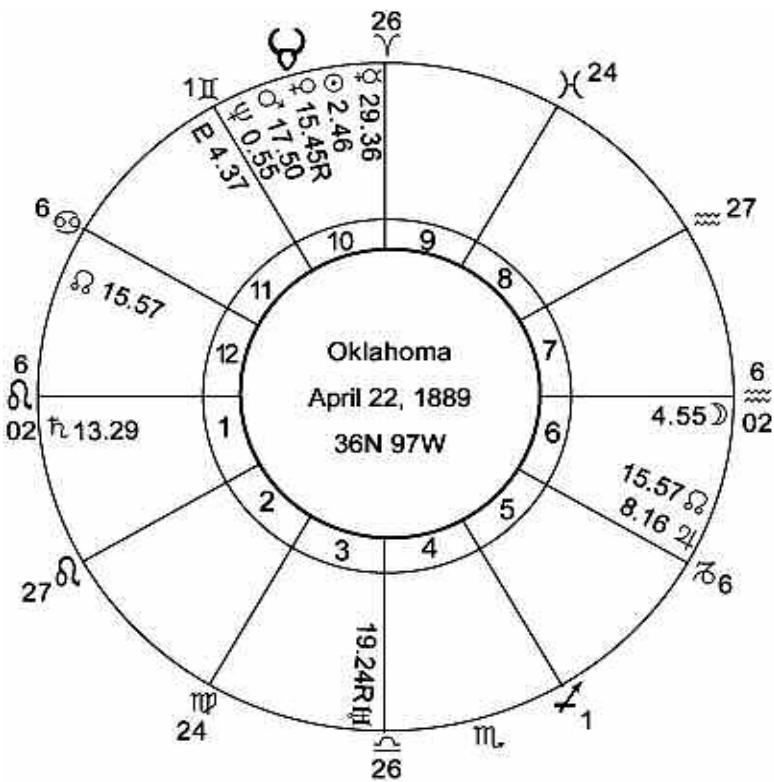
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The State with Two Birthdays

OF COURSE, Oklahoma's official birthday is November 16, 1907, when it joined the Union. But the other one, celebrated more, is April 22, 1889, called The Run, or The Opening, when an area presently comprising six counties was opened with a cannon's blast at noon, and multitudes dashed west to stake their claims. That event has been responsible for the state's nickname, the Sooner State: those rushing in to get the most and/or best land sought to get there sooner than others.

The chart for that event has Mercury of the mental attitude in Aries, dominating the map. Aries tends to be impatient; in the last degree extremely so. The Moon of activity in Aquarius denotes interest in freedom; the lunar orb is also in the 11th sign in the U.S. natus: the Sooners were like the archetypal Americans who came over in quest of that same precious possession.

Venus of values is in practical Taurus; in this sign it is interested in just that. The Moon's last transit was over Jupiter of opportunity: it was the settlers' ambition to seize the unique opportunity of acquiring a great deal of land. They would also be creating destiny: it is the nodes that deal with destiny¹ and their cycle takes about 18-1/2 years. Accordingly, we find that in the 1889 chart the nodes are in very close conjunction with their location in the 1907 map



18-1/2 years later.

Also in that 1907 natus the Moon's previous transit was over Saturn of law in Pisces of restrictions: the land rush of 1889 had opened up only a small part of Oklahoma. 1907 ended that restriction. Noteworthy also is that in the 1889 chart the Moon is in the first decan: it was the beginning of something. By contrast, that of 1907 is in the second decan: the process of statehood had already been under way.

If Oklahoma's celestial birth certificate (the 1907 map) were that of a person, one would conclude it to be that of an advanced ego, for it is highly integrated.² It has a Ring of no less than six orbs: Moon, Mercury, Mars, Saturn, Uranus, and Pluto, thereby bringing more than half the planets closely together, to say nothing of other ties. Fixed signs on all the angles, with the rulers of three of them (Moon, Mars, Saturn) involved in the Ring, is another source of strength. So are two Grand Trines: just one in a chart is a relative rarity. One is in fire (Moon, Venus, Jupiter), the other in water (Sun, Mercury, Saturn, Pluto). The latter is extra strong since it involves four orbs, three of which are retrograde,³ and one of these, Pluto, is extra influential due to its close conjunction to the Part of Fortune. The Grand Trine in fire imparts active energy; the one in water provides energies of a spiritual/psychic nature.⁴

Admittedly, Grand Trines can be dangerous.⁵ The way to make sure a Grand Trine develops constructively is by hard work. That's where the T-square comes in: Moon, Uranus, Neptune are in cardinal signs, a plethora of power. In addition, Mars in the last house "cannot be lazy."⁶ Speaking of energy and power, Oklahoma once was the nation's top oil producer and currently is the third largest source of natural gas. In this connection it must be noted that mining is also one of its principal sources of income. Why? All these materials (oil, gas, ores) have underground origin. Pluto is ruler of the lower regions and earth's depths,⁷ and also natural ruler of the 8th house of destiny.⁸ Truly what's under the earth has greatly affected the Sooner State's destiny.

Its motto is *labor omnia vincit*—labor conquers all.⁹ To conquer the way the 46th state does, is to

regenerate: Virgo, sign of labor, is on the 8th cusp of regeneration; the degree's meaning, very fittingly: "An exceptional capacity for creating a greater promise."¹⁰ It's been said that "no man is strong unless he bears within his character antitheses strongly marked."¹¹ And as noted above, Oklahoma's natus has a fiery and watery Grand Trine, truly "antitheses strongly marked." Brawn works best when reinforced with spirit.

Neptune is the 1907 map's strongest member: the only one in either dignity or exalted, part of the Ring and T-square, and by dint of being in a cardinal sign, the water Grand Trine's most powerful member, even if it does not make the chart's closest major planetary aspect (to the Moon). And Neptune dissolves barriers.¹²

Uranus, lord of the chart, "rules civil rights."¹³ Oklahoma not only has had one of the nation's most outstanding civil rights records, but in "the Statuary Hall of Fame" in the national Capitol, both of its statues are memorials to nonwhites: Sequoyah, "inventor" of a syllabery (like an alphabet but based on the sound of syllables) of the Cherokee language, and Will Rogers, beloved American humorist, who was a Cherokee.¹⁴

Saturn, co-ruler of Aquarius and hence of the chart, is also the Cosmic Teacher and orb of history. Oklahoma's history undeniably has valuable lessons for the nation—and the world. □

—A Probationer

The 4/22/1889 chart is a Johndro map based on *World Book Encyclopedia*, Vol 14, p. 732.

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