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Leslie C. Moser

Leslie C. Moser was born at old Cairo, Mississippi, on May 22, 1900, in a two-room log house. Not many log houses still exist that were in use around the turn of the century. The Old Cairo Post Office was located in this home, and Leslie's father, Tom Moser, was the Postmaster. The Post Office at Old Cairo was discontinued in 1904 when the rural route was established out of Iuka as Route No. 2. The elder Mr. Moser carried the mail on this route from the time it was established until he retired in the early 1930s. Leslie's early years from 1904 to 1920 were spent in Iuka where he attended school and worked in the local drug store and post office. In 1920, he went to work as a Railway Mail Clerk and served four years working out of Little Rock, Ark., and six years in the Railway mail Terminal in Memphis, Tenn. The next ten years, Leslie was on the main line of the Illinois Central Railroad from Memphis to New Orleans, La. In 1940, at the death of Mr. C. D. Adams, Leslie transferred to the Southern from Memphis to Chattanooga where he served on both the streamliners and the day trains for 23 years. Having completed 43 years and four months of service for the U.S. Government, Leslie retired at the end of 1963. He and his wife married in Iuka and had one daughter and one granddaughter.