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Several months ago, I saw a post about a new tool called the WayBack Machine from Internet Archive. It was supposed to take a snapshot of webpages to preserve them for future viewing in the case that it was no longer available at a later date.

I thought well that is interesting, saved the link and went about my business (honestly forgetting all about it).

In doing some research on my 4th great grandfather, Richardson Grigg, for my DAR application, I came across a link that said it had a copy of a poem that Richardson had written when his daughter, Martha Stahl, died trying to save her son, Henry Stahl, from drowning after he fell into a cistern. (28 Jun 1860). Sadly, they both drowned. Henry was about 3 years old.

Naturally, I was excited at the prospect of a poem written by my ancestor! I clicked on the link and the

webpage was no longer there. My heart sank! I clicked the back button to see if there was a cached version of the page. There was! I brought up the cached version and it worked. I could see the page as it had been. I clicked on the link to see the photo of the poem and it was no longer there. There was no cached version of the photo. How disappointing to come so close! What to do? Do I just let it go and wallow in my disappointment? NO!

First, I tried to contact the owner of the webpage as her email address showed on the cached version of the page. The email came back to me undelivered, so I researched her and found her obituary. She had passed away in 2009.

Now what? Then I remembered the WayBack Machine. I went back to the cached version of the webpage I wanted to see and copied the address link. Then I pulled up the WayBack machine page.

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Chahta Anumpa (Choctaw Language)

Choctaw Language Rules

Rule 4

The consonant hl has two pronunciations, one old and the other recent. The modern pronunciation is the easiest to learn; it is the same as the th sound in think, thought and health. The older pronunciation is like the th and l spoken at the same time: thl.

Click the links below to hear the modern pronunciation, the th sound, of the following words. These words are written hl before a vowel.

tihlili - to send out	hlioli - chase
uhleha - plural	hilha - dance
bihlibli - to point	hlampko - strong
okhlilika - dark	okhlili - dusk

Minor Rule

When hl is followed by a consonant, it is written lh

ulhtoka - elected	ilhkoli - go in a group
ulhti - district	ilhpa k - groceries, food
pulhki - fast	ulhtaha - ready

But there are exceptions concerning hl. Compare mah-li (wind) and uhleha (plural). In mahli, the letter h is pronounced separate from l. In uhleha, the sound of hl is the th sound.

Click on any of the Choctaw words in red above to hear an audio clip from ChoctawSchool.com
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From the President



I can't believe that my term as Society President is almost up. The November meeting will be the election of 2016-2017 officers and at the December meeting we will install the new officers.

Speaking of officers, there are people who will not join a society because they are afraid they will have to be on a committee or hold an office. I think that if you have a little chat with your President and are up front with your situation you don't have anything to worry about. Let them know that you do not know how to get in front of a crowd to speak, or you do not know how to use Excel, or you don't understand something.

But the other side of this flat pancake (because no matter how flat the pancake, there are always two sides) is this.....for what purpose did you join a society? Did you want help with your research? Did you want to learn how to understand your computer? Did you want to keep up to date with search sites? What did you want to learn? What did you want to get out of your membership fee? What are you willing to learn?

For whatever reason you joined, understand that in order to receive something you must open the door to let it in. Attending meetings, programs, workshops, etc. is helping you to become a better researcher, or a better person on the computer, or a better member. What are you giving back to the society? What are you doing to help the society to grow? Let the door swing both ways.

Maybe you are asking yourself 'What can you do to help?'. Well.....just ask. It's as simple as that.

True, there are members that have full time jobs. True, there are members that have other things, like family or medical problems, instead of a job that takes up a lot of their time. But can you do something for 1 hour a week at home to help? Maybe you can take one name and research it at home (someone will show you the steps), or work up a word document on your computer for a meeting, or staple brochures for the next meeting, or give the society ideas for programs. There are so many ways you can help. Start small, get confidence, and move forward. Help your society to grow, be a part of the movement.

I will have to say that the CCGS members have done a wonderful job the last two years to make the society a GREAT one. As a group we have given programs, workshops, booths, attend other meetings and workshops out of town, and we always afterwards go eat ice cream.

We have accomplish having several books for sell, a inventoried research library, complete sets of newspaper microfilms, a collection of obituaries, a upright file of Veterans, and we are still growing. I could not have asked for a better group of people to work side by side with. And I want to Thank each and every one of YOU for everything that you have done and given for the society.

We have a society that we can be proud of. We went from two members in January 2014 to thirty-eight members as of October 2015. We went from having very few cemetery headstone pictures to having several HUNDRED pictures. We went from having around 100 veterans on a spreadsheet for research to having over eight hundred. We went from not knowing what was on our bookshelves to having each book numbered and on an inventory sheet. We went from having no website, no Facebook page, no business cards, no letterheads, no organization..... well you get the picture.

Yep, we have come a long way. And yep, WE did it all.....step by step, day by day, meeting by meeting, friends with friends. We open the door and made it swing both ways.

How is your door swinging?

Donna Willison Head, CCGS President

Upcoming Events

October

- 3rd - DAR meeting (Antlers), 12 p.m.
- 5th - CCGS meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 10th - DAR meeting (Idabel), 10 a.m.
- 11th - Cemetery Gathering, 10 a.m.

November

- 2nd - CCGS meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 7th - DAR meeting (Antlers), 12 p.m.
- 8th - Cemetery Gathering, 10 a.m.
- 14th - DAR meeting (Idabel), 10 a.m.
- 26th - Thanksgiving

December

- 5th - DAR meeting (Antlers), 12 p.m.
- 7th - CCGS meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 12th - DAR meeting (Idabel), 10 a.m.
- 13th - Cemetery Gathering, 10 a.m.
- 25th - Christmas

January

- 1st - New Years Day
- 2nd - DAR meeting (Antlers), 12 p.m.
- 4th - CCGS meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 9th - DAR meeting (Idabel), 10 a.m.
- 10th - Cemetery Gathering, 10 a.m.

[Click here](#) to access our online event calendar for more detailed information about upcoming events.

CCGS Membership



We would like to wish a warm welcome to our **New Society Members!**

D. L. Wilkerson - Rattan, OK
Cindi McPherson - Wolfe City, TX
Sharon Smith - Hugo, OK

Thank you to our current members for renewing your membership for another year...

Danny Groat - Hugo, OK
David Dearing - Hugo, OK

Thank You For Your Support!

Member Birthdays



We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following members...



Sydney Groat - Oct 21st

Sherri Cheek - Dec 3rd

Evelyn 'June' Kirk - Nov 4th

Carol Winters - Dec 7th

David A. House - Nov 10th

David Dearing - Dec 19th

D. L. Wilkerson - Nov 15th

Debra Usry - Dec 28th

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Director will be sending out email or postal mail reminders to each member at the beginning of their membership renewal month.

Research Library Visitors



Research Library

The Choctaw County Genealogical Society maintains a Research Library in the Heritage Room of the Donald W. Reynolds Library at 703 E. Jackson Street, Hugo, Oklahoma. The Heritage Room is available during library hours. We do ask that you sign in at the library front desk as well as sign our guestbook located on the Society desk. No food or drink is allowed.

Children under the age of 12 who enter the Heritage room must be under constant supervision of an adult. Children are not allowed to handle any genealogical materials or equipment in the Heritage room. Children are required to be respectful of other researchers by not being loud or otherwise disruptive. Any child being loud, using Heritage room research materials or equipment, or disruptive in any way will be asked to leave the Heritage room.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	9am - 7pm
Wednesday & Friday	9am - 6pm
Saturday	9am - 2pm
Sunday	Closed

July

Visitor - Visitor Location - Names Researching

Gaylia Roberts - Dotson, Gasaway
 Bill Wicklund, Ringold, OK - Etchison, Dorathy Nta, CA - Robert Ray Riley
 Bill Riley, Soper, OK - Robert Ray Riley
 Melissa Folsom, Hugo, OK - Ussery, Priddy
 Mike Bray, Antlers, OK
 Clyde Walton, Paris, TX - John Hunter
 Cindy Wharton, UT - Tison, Corsby
 Johnnie Hairfield
 Jimmy Wheeler
 Reubin Turner - Turner, Buckner, Simms

August

Visitor - Visitor Location - Names Researching

Billie Heath, Ft. Towson, OK - Basford, Vanyra
 Virginia Heath, Wilburton, OK - Heath
 Melissa Folsom - Ussery/Urray, Priddy
 Ursula Deuvr, Foss, OK - Tutt
 Kadra Dunlap
 Kim Tronce, Hugo, OK
 Regina Hill - Brewer, Ware
 Rita Renee Davis, Hugo, OK - Maynard
 Annie Butler, Hugo, OK - Bray, Thomas
 Georgia McEwin, Paris, TX - Davis, Darity
 Brenda M. Wilson, Rahan - Robbins
 Jim Wilson, Rahan - Wilson
 Sampson Family, Paris, TX - Sampson

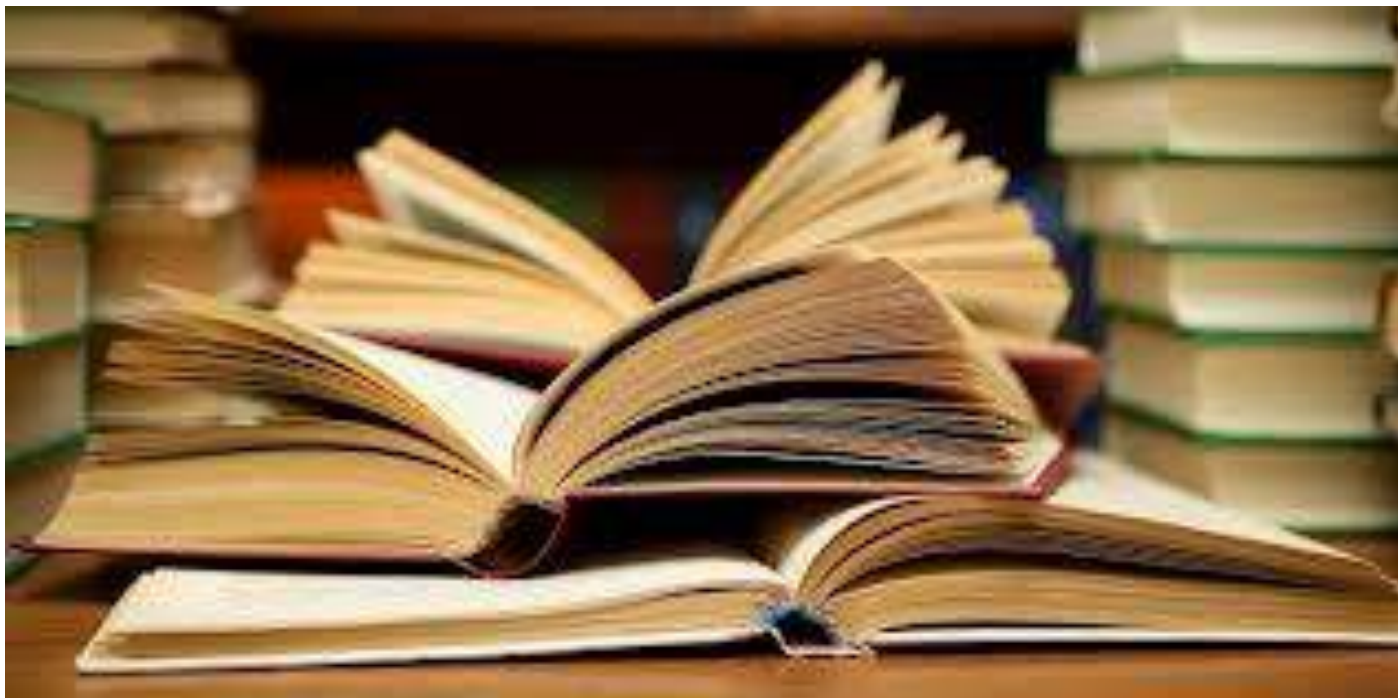
September

Visitor - Visitor Location - Names Researching

Bill Wicklund, Ringold, OK - Etchison, Dorathy
 Charlotte Church, Hugo - Sander, Kendrick
 Glenda Young, Hugo - Sander, Kendrick
 Linda Self, Shawnee, KS - Self, Dobbs, Witt
 Dorothy Clark, Merryville, LA - Clark, Burnett
 Karen Moreau, Baker, LA - Clark, Burnett
 Dave Smith, Tyler, TX
 Kacy Barton, Hugo - Williams, Blair, Baker
 Bea Couch, AZ - Couch
 Kacey Barlow, Soper - Williams, Blair, Baker
 Me Jamar, Hugo - Jamar, Davison, Johnson (TX/OK)
 Sherri Stapleton, Antlers - Thompson

Visitors are only listed once each month even if they have visited numerous times. Visitors that did not sign the guestbook are not listed.

CCGS Bookshelf



New on the bookshelf (bookshelf items received in the mail, or purchased this quarter...

Greene County Historical & Genealogical Society Newsletter, Fall 2015, Vol. 28, Issue 3; July-Aug 2015, Vol. 28, Issue 5

Hopkins County Heritage Newsletter, Sulphur Springs, TX, Vol. 32, # 2, Jun 2015

The Kiamichian, Broken Bow, OK, Vol. 27, # 1, Apr 2015

Arkansas Genealogical Society E-zine, Vol. 10, # 7, Jul 2015; Vol. 10, #8, Aug 2015

Stirrin' the Pot, Hot Springs, AR, Vol. 6, # 5, Jun 2015; Vol. 5, #7, Jul 2015; Vol. 5, #8, Aug 2015; Vol. 5, # 9, Sep 2015

Tom News, The Tom Baptist Church, Tom, OK, May-Jun 2015

Logan County Genealogical Society, Guthrie, OK, Vol. XXXIV, #1

Biskinik, July 2015 & Aug 2015

Mistletoe Leaves, Vol. 46, #7, Jul 2015; Vol. 47, #8, Aug 2015; Vol. 46, #9, Sep 2015; Vol. 46, #10, Oct

2015

Bond County Genealogical Society News, Bond County, IL, Vol. 30, Issue 2, Summer-July 2015

The Arkansas Archivist, Jun/July 2015 & Aug 2015

The Clay County Mosaic, Liberty, MO, Jan-Mar 2015

Muldrow Newsletter, Muldrow, OK, Vol. 8, Issue 2, Aug 2015

Bryan County Genealogy Library & Archives Quarterly, Aug 2015

Love County Historical Society, Marietta, OK, Jul 2015

Oklahoma Living, June 2015 & Aug 2015

DAR-Little River Chapter Newsletter, Idabel, OK, Aug 2015

DAR Newsletter Supplement, Vol. 15, #5, Sep/Oct 2015

Kiowa County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Vol. 22, #3, Aug 2015

Red River County in 1890 - The Year of the Missing Census by Johnie Lee

The Chronicles of Oklahoma, Vol.

XCIII, #2, Summer 2015

The Choctaw County Free Fair Book, Sep 2015

Tobucksy News, Pittsburg County Genealogical Society, Vol. 32 #2, May 2015; Vol. 32, #3, Sep 2015

New Microfilm

Husonian Democrat, 1960-1961; Hugo Democrat, 1961-1962, #3699-16

Soper Democrat, 1939-1942, #7058-91

Soper Democrat, 1943-1946, #7059-92

Choctaw Times, 2010-2011; Indian Arrow, 1937, #32888-260

Husonian Democrat, 1957-1959, #1544-6

Indian Orphan, Indian Arrow, Goodland Arrow and Alumni Issue of Indian Arrow, #32842-259

Cherokee Co., Tahlequah, Choctaw Co. Doaksville, Cherokee Messenger, Cherokee Almanac, Misc. Licenses-Choctaw Nation, Choctaw Intelligencer, Cherokee Advocate, #7624-38

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Choctaw Telegraph, Choctaw Intelligencer, #34607-272

Choctaw County Times, #33989-268

New Newsletter Exchanges

The Clay County Mosaic, Liberty, MO

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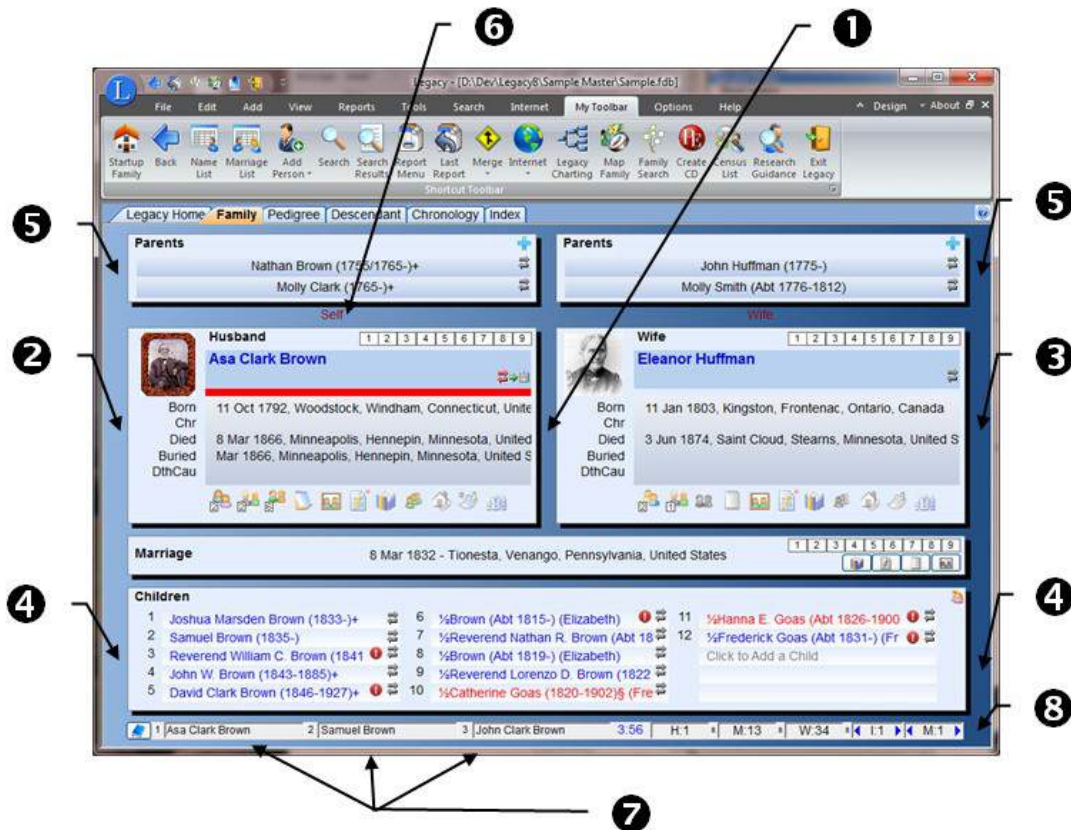
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- ◆ Company K of Yesterday by Archibald - Sherri Cheek, Boswell, OK
- ◆ CD Drive, Genealogy Papers & Forms - Rita Renee Davis, Hugo, OK
- ◆ Garland Co, AR: Our History & Heritage
- ◆ Bond County Genealogical Society, IL, Vol. 11 #4, Winter 1993
- ◆ The Record, Garland County Historical Society, AR, 2005, 2007-2009
- ◆ Crossroad Trails, Effingham Co., Genealogical Society, IL, Vol. III #3, Summer 1982
- ◆ Red River Co., TX Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. XXIII #1, Spring 2006; Vol. XXII #4, Winter 2005-2006; Vol. XXVIII #1, Spring 2011; Vol. XXVIII #3, Fall 2011
- ◆ Tobucksy News, Pittsburg Co., Genealogical & Historical Society, Vol. 4 #2, Jan 1987; Vol. 17 #2, May 2000; Vol. 23 #1, Jan 2006; Vol. 30 #2, May 2013; Vol. 31 #1, Jan 2014
- ◆ Fayette Facts, Fayette County, Vandalia, IL, Vol. XXX #1; Vol. XXX #2; Vol. 34 #3; Vol. 34 #4; Vol. 36 #1; Vol. 39 Winter 2010
- ◆ Yalobusha Pioneer, Coffeenville, MS, Vol. 38 #2, Summer 2012
- ◆ Hopkins County Heritage, Sulphur Springs, TX, Vol. 22 #1, Mar 2005
- ◆ The Lincoln Lineage, Lincoln Co., TN, Vol. 14 #2, 2011
- ◆ Bryan County, OK Genealogy Library & Archives Quarterly, Aug 2005; Nov 2005
- ◆ 1885 Choctaw Nation Census, Blue County, Pushmataha District
- ◆ Bob Daniels, Valliant - 1971 Southeastern State College Yearbook

Legacy Family Tree Software - User Tips

Family View Tips



- 1 Clicking in the space between the *Husb* and *Wife* displays the next sibling of the current person (whoever is highlighted).
- 2 Clicking in margin to the left of the *Husb* switches to his next spouse.
- 3 Clicking in margin to the right of the *Wife* switches to her next spouse.
- 4 Clicking to the left or right of the *Child List* box moves the Preferred child (usually direct-line) up to the main *Husb/Wife* position.
- 5 Clicking here switches to the next set of Parents (when the Husband or Wife have two or more sets linked to them).
- 6 Right-clicking on the relationship text lets you set the text color and background color of the relationship wording. If you are using a textured background for the *Family View*, you can set the relationship text background to transparent.
- 7 Right-clicking in any of these three areas sets a *Quick Bookmark* for the current couple (*Husb* and *Wife*). Subsequent left-clicking on one of these names jumps to that person no matter where you are in the family file. To clear a *Quick Bookmark*, hold down the **Ctrl** key while you right-click the name.
- 8 When you hover over this location a small box appears and a tooltip pops up showing the latest modified date for the husband and wife. Clicking the box brings up the [Last Modified](#) window showing the dates the husband and wife were added and last modified.

Veteran Spotlight



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CPO Jack Eddleman

January 1, 1918 - August 31, 2012

HUGO — Family and friends are preparing to celebrate the life of Chief Petty Officer Jack Eddleman, United States Navy, and Pearl Harbor Survivor, who died on August 31, 2012. He was born to the late "O.T." and Martha Frances (Mead) Eddleman in Hugo, Oklahoma, January 1, 1918. Upon graduation from Hugo High School in 1935, Jack attended Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University) and was employed at the Security State Bank, which would later become the Security 1st National Bank. The winds of war were stirring in early 1941, and Jack enlisted in the Navy that October. After boot camp in San Diego, CA, his initial assignment was the U.S. Submarine Base, Honolulu, HI. On December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked, and the United States was officially at war. He remained at Pearl Harbor until he received orders to the USS SILENUS, which was being commissioned in Philadelphia. It was while on leave, visiting family, that Jack made the discovery which would change his life. He met Edna Newcum. "She was really pretty and liked to dance." Jack and Edna were married February 22, 1944. They would live in Philadelphia and Baltimore, where he was stationed until he returned to duty in the Pacific aboard the SILENUS. He served in the Pacific Theater for the remainder of the war. Upon the end of the war, Jack returned home and resumed his career with the Security State Bank. While he retired as Vice President in 1983, he continued serving on the bank's Board of Directors. In what was perceived as a first, he, with his two brothers, Dale and Lex, followed in their father's footsteps by simultaneously receiving their Blue Lodge degrees. This would be climaxed by receiving the Order of the Temple with their father, an unprecedented act in 1950. Farming didn't suit him, like it did his brother (and best friend) Lex, but, Jack had a phenomenal "green thumb," which was evidenced by his marvelous landscaping. Gorgeous trees, shrubbery and flowers at his home were the result of his diligence. His beautiful backyard was the setting for many memorable family gatherings throughout the years. A devoted husband and father, Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Edna; brothers, Dale and Lex; and sisters, Ora Merkle and Otie Parker. In addition to countless friends, survivors include his daughter, Ann L. (Annie) Bohanon; nephew, Simon Parker Jr.; nieces and families, Martha and Wally Wettstain, Rickee Eddleman, Martha and Larry Childs and children, Deb and Gary Atchley and daughter. Also surviving are Christopher and Suzanne Bohanon and children, David and Kristen Bohanon and children, and Phillip and Kim Bohanon and children. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Toni Baird Love, Joan Wyche Eighmy, Ann Lawler and the many others who were so loving and caring during the latter part of Jack's life. He continued to live at home and without you, that would not have been possible. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at The First United Methodist Church in Hugo, OK, with Rev. Phil Hodson officiating and burial following at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday, September 3, 2012, 6-7 p.m. at Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home in Hugo, OK. Family and friends are invited to sign the guest book or send private condolences to the family at www.praterlampton.com. Jack was active in the work of the then First Methodist Church (now The United Methodist Church), and memorials in his name may be made to The United Methodist Church, Drawer M, Hugo, OK 74743.

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Red River Valley Veterans Memorial

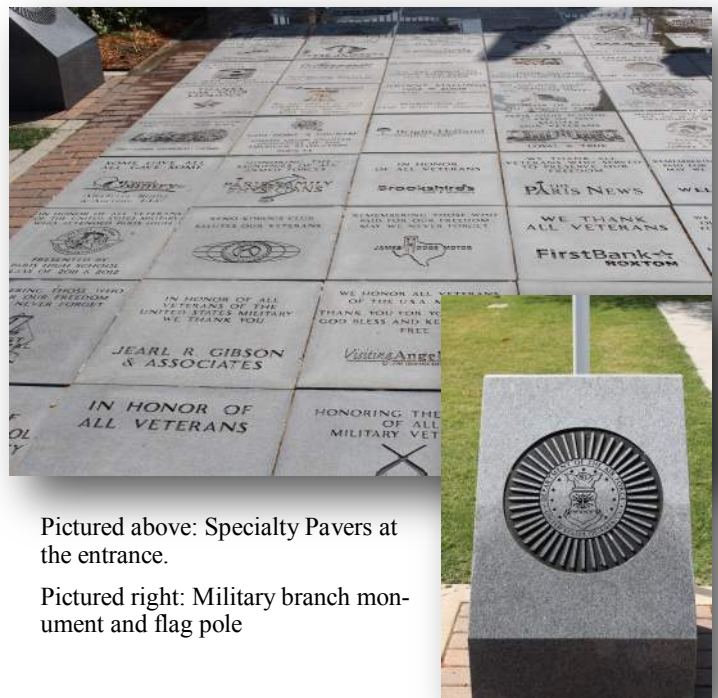


On Aug 18th, the Choctaw County Genealogical Society toured the Red River Valley Veterans Memorial located next to the Eiffel Tower at the Love Civic Center in Paris, Texas.

The Red River Valley Veterans Memorial (RRVVM) is being built to honor ALL Veterans with a connection to the five counties the make up the Red River Valley (Lamar, Red River, Delta, and Fannin counties in Texas and Choctaw County in Oklahoma) who have served our country in the past and those who are currently serving in our military.

Our guide, Gene Simmons, led us to the entrance of the memorial which features specialty pavers purchased by those wishing to support the erection of this impressive memorial. Bordering each side of the specialty pavers are monuments and sponsored flags representing each branch of the military.

Mr. Simmons then led us through the massive gates into the memorial explaining each section that has been completed as well as those sections that have yet to be built.



Pictured above: Specialty Pavers at the entrance.

Pictured right: Military branch monument and flag pole

Red River Valley Veterans Memorial - cont'd

There are four phases planned for the memorial which is currently in the second phase of construction. The memorial has currently installed over 1700 Veteran pavers, 80 specialty pavers, 12 tree pavers, and 30 family benches with space for many more.

The memorial's centerpiece is the Ring of Honor, an elevated ring of twelve granite walls containing the names of all men and women from the five-county Red River Valley area who made the ultimate sacrifice while in service to our country.

Twelve conflict walls, several bronze statues, and a computerized visitor kiosk are also a part of the future plans.

As impressive as the memorial already is, there is still much work to be done. If you would like to make a donation, sponsor a flag, purchase pavers to honor your military family or volunteer your services, please contact the Red River Valley Veteran Memorial office located at 1025 S. Collegiate Drive, Paris, TX, visit their website at www.rrvvm.com or [facebook page](#).



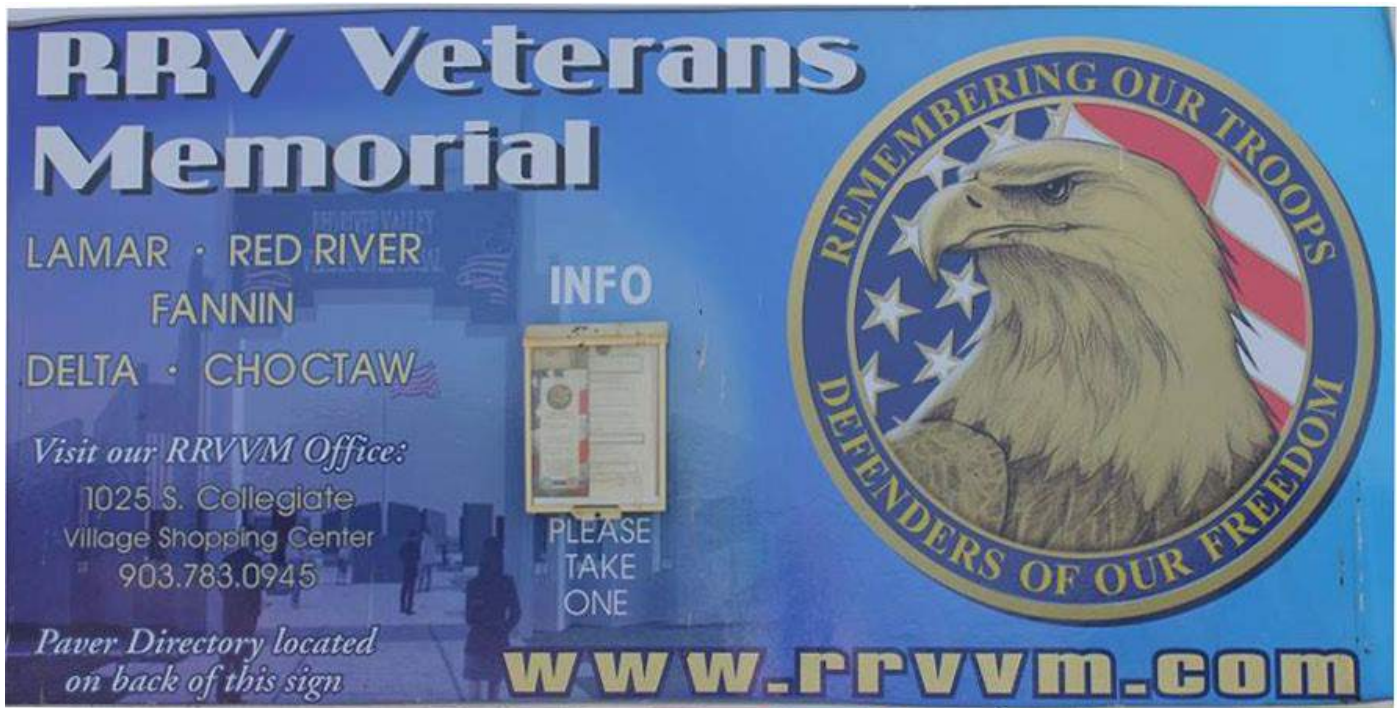
Ring of Honor



Ring of Honor

CCGS Member, Cindy Burkhalter
at the Ring of Honor

Red River Valley Veterans Memorial - cont'd



Pictured above: The RRVVM information billboard located at the entrance of the memorial.



Pictured left: Gene Simmons showing us the back of the billboard which currently contains the lists of Veterans that have pavers installed at the memorial as well as a map of the memorial. Future plans include a computerized visitor kiosk to hold this information.

Red River Valley Veterans Memorial - cont'd

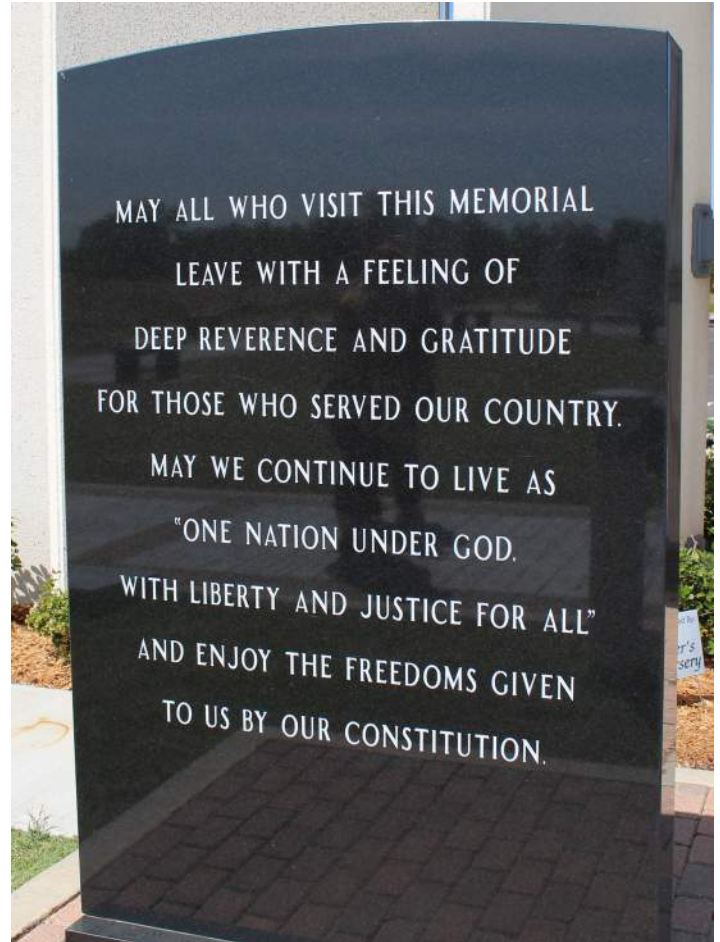


Pictured above: Gene Simmons leading us through the entrance gates.

Pictured right: Veteran pavers lining the walkways of the memorial.



Red River Valley Veterans Memorial - cont'd



Pictured above: Entrance Monument - front and back
 Pictured below: (left) Williams Family Bench Paver, (right) CCGS President, Donna Head observing a Family Paver



Red River Valley Veterans Memorial - cont'd



Red River Valley Veteran Memorial Tour - 18 August 2015

Pictured left to right: Shelby Harper, Sydney Groat, Logan Makerney, April Makerney, Alyssa Makerney, Cindy Burkhalter, Norm Pence, Donna Head



Red River Valley Veterans Memorial - cont'd



After we left the memorial, we were invited back to tour the RRVVM office.

Pictured above: (l to r) Our hosts, Gene Simmons, Sylvia Tongson, Jenny Simmons, John E. Lee

Pictured right: CCGS President, Donna Head



We had a fantastic time. We learned a lot and CCGS has volunteered to help RRVVM with the collection of information for our Choctaw County Veterans.

Red River Valley Veterans Memorial - cont'd

The Red River Valley Veterans Memorial needs YOUR help in establishing residency criteria for the subject individual for entry into our Ring of Honor. If you have any information about this Veteran, please contact CCGS at choctawcountyokgensoc@live.com

CRITERIA: A person must have strong ties to one of the counties (Red River, Lamar, Fannin, Delta, and Choctaw) by either being born in one of the counties or living in one of the counties for some period of time and having immediate family ties to one of the counties. (Example: mother, father, spouse).

John Steel

KNOWN FACTS:

1. War Dept. Files—Branch of Service: U. S. Army, Hometown: Oklahoma County, OK, Status: KIA
2. Paris News July 9, 1944—Hugo, Okla. (Special): Mrs. John R. Steele notified by the War Dept. that her husband, Capt. John R. Steele, a Chaplain in the Army, was killed June 6, invasion Day, in France. Survived by his wife, former Miss Helen Batch, two children, David, 4 and Lillian, 2. Also his parents Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Steele of Wilson, Okla.
3. Paris News July 19, 1944—Chaplain, former Pastor of Soper and Boswell Churches, died on D-Day in Normandy invasion according to information to Mrs. Steele, who with her two children, now live in Hugo. Entered Army in Feb., 1942.
4. Richardson Echo Sept. 15, 1944—John R. Steel, the first Oklahoma City minister to be killed in action. He received his Chaplain's training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN; Camp Claiborne, LA, and Fort Bragg, NC. He received his B.A. degree from Southeastern Teachers College, Durant, Okla., and his B.D. and M.A. degrees from Southern Methodist University, during which time he became the first teacher of the Couples Class of the Methodist Church in Richardson. His wife taught the third grade in 1938 and 1939. Mrs. Steel is now supervisor in the day nursery at Reunion Homes in Dallas.
5. The Daily Ardmoreite, July 20, 1948—Body of Capt. John R. Steel being returned for burial. Bettes is the Funeral Home. He is the son of J. E. Steel, Methodist Minister at Courtney Flats. His wife Mrs. Hazel Steel, lives at Pauls Valley.
6. Find A Grave Memorial—John R. Steel, buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.
7. World War II Honoree—John Reuben Steel, Army, Home Town: Ardmore, OK, Honored By: Ms. Hazel B. Steel, Wife.
8. U. S. Federal Census-Ancestry.com—John R. Steel, Home in 1940: Boswell, Choctaw, Oklahoma, Household Members: John R. Steel, age 27, Hazel Steel, Age 25, John D. Steel, age 2 mos.

Note the differences in spelling of names.

QUESTION: Can we establish residency in Choctaw County to meet the above criteria?

Joe W. Everidge (Choctaw)



The subject of this sketch was born in Kiamichi county in June, 1853, and attended the neighborhood schools until seventeen years of age. He is the son of Hon. Joel Everidge, Supreme Judge of the Choctaw Nation, and a man of rare ability and influence among his people. The young man engaged in business for himself

in 1878, and was soon appointed Captain of the National Light Horse, which office he held for four years. In 1882, he was elected Sheriff of Kiamichi county, and later became a member of the Indian Police force. In 1884 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives, and in 1885 was appointed a member of the Senate by Governor Edward McCurtain. The same year he was appointed District Collector for the Third district, was re-appointed in 1886, and held the office for two years. In 1871 he married Miss Susan Erwin, daughter of Calvin Erwin, of Doaksville, Towsen county. By this marriage he has six children — Willie, Emma, Joseph, Ella, Robert and Mary.

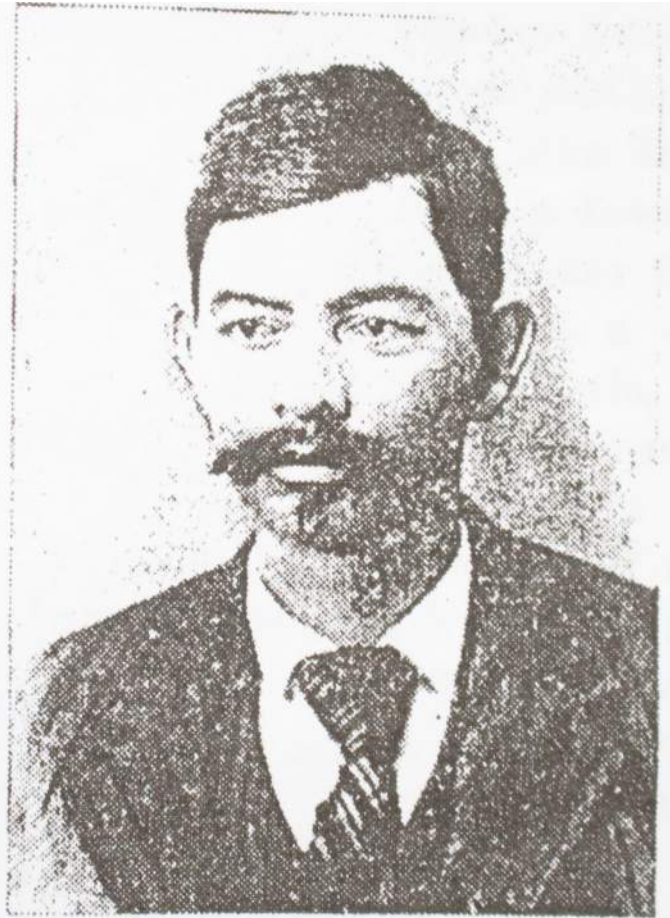
Mr. Everidge has a farm of six hundred and forty acres, a part of which is under cultivation. He also owns about one hundred head of stock cattle.

Few men are as popular with the masses as Joe Everidge. Like his father, he is tall of stature and powerfully built, fair complexioned and intelligent-looking. He is descended from the Hyah-pah-tuk-kalo clan and about one-eighth Choctaw.

Source: H. F. O'Beirne, *Leaders and Leading Men of the Indian Territory with Interesting Biographical Sketches, Vol. I, Choctaws and Chickasaws*; PDF download, *Internet Archive* (<https://archive.org/> : downloaded 25 Oct 2015), p.120-121.

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Jerry Fulsom (Choctaw)



This gentleman was born in Sans Bois county in 1852, and attended neighborhood schools until 1870. In the same year he was appointed circuit clerk, which office he held for two years. In 1884 he married Miss Mancy Riddle, daughter of Jerry Riddle, at one time a member of the Council. The issue of this marriage was two children, Jack-

son L. and Lizzie. Their mother dying in May, 1887, Mr. Fulsom, three years afterward, married his late wife's sister; by whom he had a son named Peter. In 1889 he married his third wife, Miss Ella Jones, daughter of Forbes Jones, of Gaines county. In 1878 he was elected sheriff and held the position for two years, after which he became prosecuting attorney for one year. He was elected member of the House in 1883, and in the same year district school trustee, holding these offices for two years. In 1889 he was elected county judge, and the following year was called upon to represent Sans Bois county in the National Senate. Mr. Fulsom has seven hundred acres of land in pasture and under cultivation, three hundred head of stock and two hundred head of hogs, and a substantial and comfortable home. He is a man of good education, and will, no doubt, make an able Senator.

Jerry Fulsom is the youngest son of the late ex-Chief Peter Fulsom, one of the most distinguished and popular men of his time, who died in 1884 after a life of active labor for his country.

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WayBack Machine - cont'd

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I pasted the cached link into the WayBack address bar and clicked browse history. Would'n't you know, it didn't work because of a robot.txt in the code of the page.

But, I still didn't give up.

On the cached page, each photo has it's own link, even though I couldn't click on the link and it work, I decided to try to copy the link address and try that. So, I went back to the cached page, scrolled down to the link of the photo, right clicked, and selected 'copy link address'. Then I went back to the WayBack site and pasted that link.



Circa 1874. Richardson, son of Burwell Grigg and Sabra Elam and 2nd wife, Catherine, daughter of Pleasant Jones and Sarah L. Osborne.
Photo courtesy of Don Nichols Sr.

IT WORKED!!

I went back and did this for every photo link on the site and saved three copies of all of them.

I saved each of them as screenshots, right clicked and saved them within my normal filing system (which will also be backed up in DropBox and on an external drive), and I also saved them into Evernote.

I am making very sure I don't lose them.

Now, without further ado, photographs I was able to save and my 5th great grandfather, Richardson Grigg's poem, "Lines" (on the next two pages.)

By the way, in case you couldn't guess from the poem itself, Richardson was a Baptist preacher.



Mary Jane (Grigg) Wharton (left) (my 4th great grandmother) & her sister, Sabra Irene (Grigg) Diamond (right)
Circa 1864. Daughters of Richardson Grigg and Malinda Simmons.
Photo courtesy of Don Nichols Sr.

L I N E S

Composed by Rev. Richardson Grigg--- the thoughts having been suggested by the late sudden death, by drowning in a cistern, of his daughter, the late Mrs. George Stahl, and her little son, Henry.

Oh! Martha, Martha, thou art gone---
Gone to thy long eternal home;
Thy charming voice no more I hear,
Nor see thy smiling face, my dear.

Oh! that I could for thee have died!
My sorrows in the grave to hide.
But oh, these thoughts are only vain,
For here in sorrow I remain.

I cannot bring thee back to me;
Thy face, nor little Henry's see.
I hope I'll shortly go to you,
To sin and sorrow bid adieu.

You've left this world of pain and woe,
With all your griefs and fears below,
No more to suffer, weep, or cry,
No more to groan, no more to die.

I hope when Gabriel's trump shall sound,
To wake the nations underground,
I'll rise with thee above the sky,
And victory through sweet Jesus cry.

Then with the saints march to the throne,
With them receive a starry crown;
Then with the angels shout and sing,
And make the heavenly arches ring.

Hark! Martha's friends, you, one and all,
Hear death and Henry's-- what a call!
In health this morning, now they're gone;
They left this world when all alone.
It's awful! awful! awful!

I hope in glory both they be,
From sin and sorrow ever free,
With saints and angels there to sing
And make the heavenly arches ring,
And give to Jesus glory.

I hope this call you'll all obey,
And from your sins now turn away.
Submit to God, come, meekly bow,
Submit at once-- submit just now
And give to Jesus glory.

Now in your grief, turn to the Lord,
And trust the precious Saviour's word;
He'll wash you in his precious blood,
An' seal you heirs and sons of God,
To give to Jesus glory.

Then sudden though your death should be,
As Martha's, which so troubled thee,
You'll view the angel standing by,
To bear thy soul to realms on high,
To give to Jesus glory.

Then in that great and dreadful day,
When heaven and earth shall flee away
An' Gabriel's trump shall wake the dead
You'll rise with Christ, your living head,
And give to Jesus glory.

A happy day-- a blessed hour,
When free from sin and satan's power,
Where pain and death can come no more,
We'll shout and tell our sufferings o'er,
And give to Jesus glory.

Richard D. Roebuck Family

Parents of Richard D. Roebuck

Charles Speaker & Adeline Roebuck

Richard D. "Dick" Roebuck

B. Abt. 1840
Roebuck Lake, , Kiamitia County, Choctaw Nation

D. 23 Jun 1903

Buried: Mt. Olive Cemetery
near Grant, Choctaw, Oklahoma

Marriage: Abt. 1875

Parents of Louisa Stevenson

Banks Stevenson & Rhoda Colbert

Louisa Stevenson

B. Bet. 1835-1853
Rose Hill Plantation, , Kiamitia County, Choctaw Nation

D.

Buried: Mt. Olive Cemetery
near Grant, Choctaw, Oklahoma

Children

Martha "Mattie" Roebuck
B. 10 Jan 1881
D. Aug 1972
Buried: Mt. Olive Cemetery, near Grant, Choctaw, Oklahoma
Married: Henry Buckner

James P. Roebuck
B. 7 Feb 1882
D.
Buried:
Married: Angeline

Rev. Paul Garnett Roebuck
B. 7 Feb 1882, near Grant, Kiamitia County, Choctaw Nation
D. 17 Jul 1938
Buried: Mt. Olive Cemetery, near Grant, Choctaw, Oklahoma
Married: Jennie

Samuel Roebuck
B. 10 Jan 1886/7
D.
Buried: Mt. Olive Cemetery, near Grant, Choctaw, Oklahoma
Married:

Rosa Roebuck
B. Abt. 1888
D.
Buried:
Married:



Richard D. "Dick" Roebuck
Mt. Olive Cemetery, Hugo, Choctaw, Oklahoma

Richard D. Roebuck Family

by Sydney Groat

Richard D. Roebuck, also known as Dick, was born about 1840 at Roebuck Lake in what was known at the time as Kiamitia County, Indian Territory. He was born to Charles Speaker, a Choctaw Indian, and Adeline Roebuck, a slave owned by William Roebuck.

Richard was born into slavery and was also owned by William Roebuck. Richard married Louisa Stephenson who was born into slavery at Rose Hill plantation. Richard was 26 years old when he was freed from slavery after the end of the Civil War in 1866. In 1888, he built a log home north of Grant on the piece of land that is now known as Mt. Olive Cemetery.

The 1900 Census shows Richard working as a farmer and shows that the couple had 9 children with only 5 living at the time. The Roebuck's closet neighbor was Judge Jim Usery. The Judge's wife died leaving him with three little girls to care for. The Judge would drop the girls off at the Roebuck home on his way to work so Louisa could care for them so the Roebuck children and the Usery children grew up together.

The Roebuck children are as follows;

Martha "Mattie" Roebuck was born 10 Jan 1881 and was married to a Buckner, she died in Aug 1972.

James P. Roebuck was born 7 Feb 1882. His wife was Angeline.

Paul Garnett Roebuck was also born 7 Feb 1882. His wife was Jennie. He was a Baptist Minister and sometimes worked as a Deputy Sheriff.

Samuel Roebuck was born the 10 Jan 1886.

Rosa Roebuck was born about 1888.

In 1938, one of Richard's sons, Paul Garnett Roebuck, was interviewed about his life and that interview can be found in the Indian-Pioneer Papers Collection.* In the interview, Paul Garnett states that his father was part of the Choctaw Lighthorsemen. This group of enforcers was first organized in 1824 with a primary purpose of settling difficulties. They had the authority to arrest, try and punish violators of tribal law. Paul Garnett tells us that later his father became a Federal Marshall and remained so until his death in 1903. Richard also acted as an interpreter for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians at the Federal Courts in Paris, TX and Ft. Smith, AR.

Records show that Richard had at least two brothers and a sister; Ben Roebuck who married Hanna Turnbull, Wylie Homa, who had a different last name because he was owned by William Homa, and Sarah Wilson, who was married to Henry Wilson.

Richard's mother, Adeline Roebuck, lived to be 120 years old. Her burial site is unknown but Richard and most of his family are buried at Mt. Olive Cemetery. Adeline Roebuck, her children and her grandchildren, are listed on the Dawes Roll as Choctaw Freedmen.

*For Paul Garnett Roebuck's Indian Pioneer Interview transcription, go to page 38 of this issue.

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No	Name	Age	County
2911	Richard, Milly	36	Barle
2912	✓ Robinson, Fannie	62	Red River
CHICKABAW. ✓ R 2913	✓ Riley, Jekin	39	Jekin Riley
2914	Reives, Harriet	47	
CHICKABAW. ✓ R 2915	✓ Riley, Austin	12	
2916	✓ Riley, Henry	8	
CHICKABAW. ✓ R 2917	✓ Riley, Pearlle	6	
CHICKABAW. ✓ 2918	✓ Riley, Archie	4	
CHICKABAW. ✓ 2919	✓ Riley, Eporida	3	Eldonia Riley
CHICKABAW. ✓ 2920	✓ Riley, Chanie	1	
CHICKABAW. ✓ 2921	✓ Riley, Lula	3wks	Lulla Riley
2922	✓ Roebuck, Adeline	100	Kiamitia
2923	✓ Roebuck, Richard	60	
10087 CHICKASAW FREEDMEN. 2924	✓ Roebuck, Louisa	45	
10087 CHICKASAW FREEDMEN. 2925	✓ Roebuck, Martha	17	
10087 CHICKASAW FREEDMEN. 2926	✓ Roebuck, James	14	
10087 CHICKASAW FREEDMEN. 2927	✓ Roebuck, Gainer	14	
10087 CHICKASAW FREEDMEN. 2928	✓ Roebuck, Sam P.	9	
10087 CHICKASAW FREEDMEN. 2929	✓ Roebuck, Foshina	6	
2930	✓ Radford, Betsy	80	
2931	✓ Roebuck, Andrew	29	Andrew Campbell
2932	✓ Roebuck, Jimmy	55	Jimmy Johnson
2933	✓ Roebuck, Ida	9	Ida Johnson
CHICKABAW. ✓ R 2934	✓ Radford, Turner	50	Turner Lewis
2935	✓ Roberson, Lizzie	32	Lizzie Wilson
CHICKABAW. ✓ R 2936	✓ Roberson, Lily	15	
2937	✓ Roberson, Addie	13	
2938	✓ Roberson, Georgie	10	

Indian Census & Rolls

Adeline Roebuck, Richard's mother
Richard Roebuck, wife, Louisa,
& their five living children

Featured Family - cont'd

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN ROLL.

NO.	NAME	AGE	SEX	BLOOD	CENSUS CARD NO.	NO.	NAME	AGE	SEX	BLOOD	CENSUS CARD NO.
1032	Bolding, John	19	M	-	474	1058	Cole, Dora	19	F	-	482
1033	Bolding, Louie	17	M	-	474	1059	Haywood, Georgia	18	F	-	482
						1060	Haywood, Ada	16	F	-	482
1034	Wilson, Louisa	24	F	-	475	1061	Haywood, Johnnie	13	F	-	482
1035	Wilson, Annie	6	F	-	475	1062	Haywood, Nathan	11	M	-	482
1036	Wilson, Gertrude	5	F	-	475	1063	Haywood, Mattie	10	F	-	482
1037	Wilson, James	1	M	-	475	1064	Cole, Sweetann	1	F	-	482
1038	Wilson, Elon Franklin	1	M	-	475						
						1065	Roebuck, Richard	61	M	-	483
1039	Freeman, Georgia Ann	26	F	-	476						
						1066	Wilson, Sarah	42	F	-	484
1040	Jones, Maria	45	F	-	478	1067	Roebuck, Virginia	11	F	-	484
1041	Jones, Henry	24	M	-	478	1068	Roebuck, Adeline	103	F	-	484
1042	Jones, Ed	23	M	-	478						
1043	Johnson, Cherry	22	F	-	478	1069	Roebuck, Ben	47	M	-	485
1044	Jones, William	21	M	-	478	1070	Roebuck, William	21	M	-	485
1045	Jones, Vinie	9	F	-	478	1071	Roebuck, Ella	19	F	-	485
1046	Jones, Bessie	6	F	-	478	1072	Roebuck, Isaiah	13	M	-	485
1047	Jones, Anna	12	F	-	478	1073	Roebuck, Frances	9	F	-	485
1048	Jones, Nero	15	M	-	478						
1049	Johnson, Anna	1	F	-	478	1074	Moore, Louisa	60	F	-	488
1050	Johnson, Nana	1	F	-	478						
1051	Jones, Dana <i>Cancelled Oct. 16, 1904. see 644644</i>	1	M	-	478	1075	Homer, Wiley	51	M	-	491
1052	Lewis, James	2	M	-	479	1076	Scott, Rhoda	39	F	-	492
						1077	Scott, Jim	17	M	-	492
1053	Buckner, Henry	29	M	-	480	1078	Scott, Pearl	8	F	-	492
						1079	Scott, Violet	7	F	-	492
1054	Davis, Helen	26	F	-	481	1080	Scott, Henry	3	M	-	492
1055	Davis, Matilda	7	F	-	481						
1056	Davis, Sidney	8	M	-	481	1081	Davis, Calvin	25	M	-	494
1057	Davis, Jesse	1	M	-	481						
						1082	Hampton, Mack	28	M	-	495
						1083	Hampton, Ella	25	F	-	495
						1084	Hampton, Veretta	6	F	-	495
						1085	Alexander, Charles	40	M	-	496

Richard Roebuck
Choctaw Freedman Roll, card # 483

Adeline Roebuck, Richard's mother & Sarah Wilson, Richard's
sister, Choctaw Freedman Roll, card # 484

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Richard Roebuck - Choctaw Nation Freedman Roll, Card # 483 (front & back)

RESIDENCE: *Niamatia* COUNTY: *Good Land Dist.* Choctaw Nation. Freedmen Roll. CARD No. _____
 POST OFFICE: *Good Land Dist.* FIELD No. *483*

Dweller's Roll No.	NAME	Relationship to Person first Named.	AGE	SEX	TRIBAL ENROLLMENT.		SLAVE OF—	REMARKS.
					Year.	County, No.		
1065	<i>Roebuck Richard</i>		<i>58</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1896</i>	<i>Niamatia 2923</i>	<i>Wm. Roebuck</i>	
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ENROLLMENT.
 OF NOS. *1* HERSON
 APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY
 OF INTERIOR APR - 8 - 1903

Date of Application for Enrollment. *5-8-99*

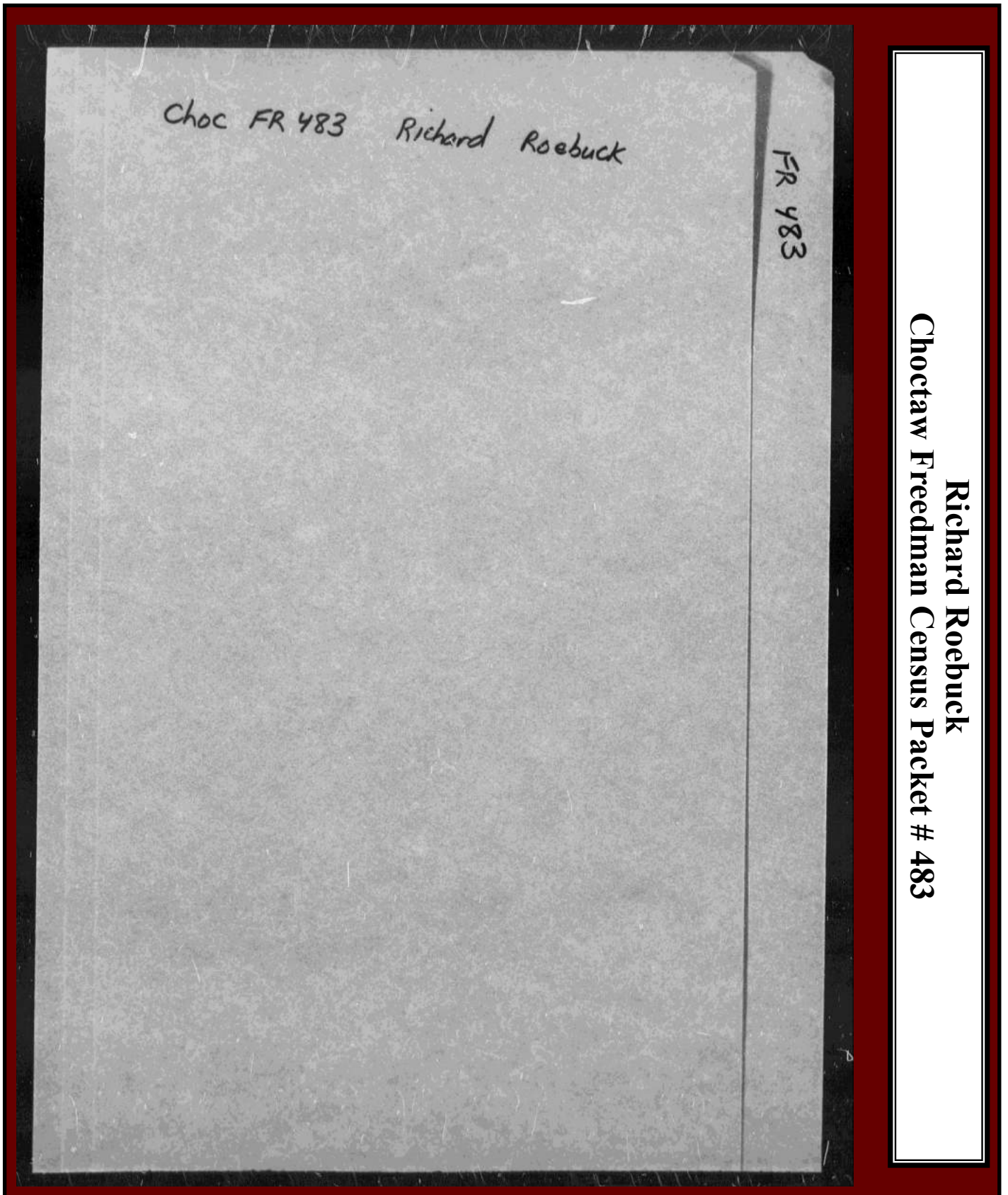
6-1084 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE.

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	NAME OF FATHER.	FATHER'S TRIBAL ENROLLMENT.			FATHER'S OWNER.	NAME OF MOTHER.	MOTHER'S TRIBAL ENROLLMENT.			MOTHER'S OWNER.
		Year.	County.	No.			Year.	County.	No.	
1	<i>Charles Spaulder</i>	<i>1896</i>	<i>Niamatia</i>		<i>Choctaw</i>	<i>Adaline Roebuck</i>	<i>1896</i>	<i>Jackson</i>		<i>Wm. Roebuck</i>
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Featured Family - cont'd



Featured Family - cont'd

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Muskegee, Indian Territory, November 28, 1903.

Richard Colbert,
Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 21st inst., requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of Richard Roebuck and family as Choctaw freedmen, stating that Richard Roebuck is dead and that you have been appointed administrator of his estate.

You are informed it appears from our records that Richard Roebuck, now about 61 years of age of Goodland, Indian Territory, has been duly enrolled by this Commission as a Choctaw freedman and his enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903.

You are further advised that his wife, Louisa, and his children, Mattie, James, Garrett, Samuel and Ross Roebuck have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedule of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Featured Family - cont'd

MEMORANDA.

(Date) 5/8 1899.

Name Richard Reebuck 58

Choctaw? yes County Kiamittia Year _____ No. 2923

Chickasaw? _____ County _____ Year _____ Page _____

Citizen by blood? _____ Mother's citizenship Choctaw

Intermarried citizen? _____

Married under what law? _____

License filed this day, _____

Wife's name, _____

Choctaw? _____ County _____ Year _____ No. _____

Chickasaw? _____ County _____ Year _____ Page _____

Citizen by blood? _____ Mother's citizenship _____

Intermarried citizen? _____

Married under what law? _____

License filed this day _____

Names of children:

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Featured Family - cont'd

FREEDMAN

In the matter of the application of Richard Roebuck, to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Goodland, I.T. May 8th, 1899, for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman. Being duly sworn by Commissioner Needles, and examined by him, et al, he testified as follows:-

Q. What is your name? A. Richard Roebuck

Q. How old are you? A. 58 or 59

Q. Who were you a slave of? A. William Roebuck.

Q. You have been here in the Choctaw Nation ever since you were turned free have you? A. Yes sir.

Q. You just want to register yourself do you? A. Yes sir.

(Enrolled as Choctaw Freedman)

Department of the Interior,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

W. A. Dudley

Featured Family - cont'd

Louisa (Stevenson) Roebuck

Originally Louisa & her children were enrolled as Chickasaw Freedmen, Card # 1087

RESIDENCE: Woodland, Ala. COUNTY: Chickasaw Nation. FREEDMEN ROLL. CARD NO. 1087
 POST OFFICE: Woodland, A.S. FIELD NO. 1087

Dues/ Roll No.	NAME	Relationship to Person First Named.	AGE	SEX	TRIBAL ENROLLMENT.			SLAVE OF—	REMARKS
					Year.	County.	No.		
1	Roebuck, Louisa	Wife	45	F	1896	Kiamitia	2924	James Holt	
2	"	Wife	19	F	"	"	2925	"	
3	"	Wife	16	M	"	"	2926	"	
4	"	"	16	"	"	"	2927	"	
5	"	"	12	"	"	"	2928	"	
6	"	Wife	10	F	"	"	2929	"	
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10					No. 1896	"	"	Martha Roebuck	
11					No. 4	"	"	Larney	
12					No. 5	"	"	Sam P.	
13					No. 1896	"	"	James	
14					No. 1896	"	"	Henry Buckner	Card # 150
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CANCELLED

Date of Application for Enrollment: 10-13-98

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE.

Numbered numbers in first column refer to individual names on reverse side. 1087

	NAME OF FATHER.	FATHER'S TRIBAL ENROLLMENT.			FATHER'S OWNER.	NAME OF MOTHER.	MOTHER'S TRIBAL ENROLLMENT.			MOTHER'S OWNER.
		Year.	County.	No.			Year.	County.	No.	
1	Frank Harrison				James Holt	Phida Holt				James Holt
2	Dick Roebuck				William Roebuck					
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Louisa (Stevenson) Roebuck

Louisa & her children were then transferred to the Choctaw Freedmen rolls, Card # 1208

OFFICE: Scottland, I. J. **Choctaw Nation. Freedmen Roll.** CARD NO. 1208
FIELD NO. 1208

NAME	Relationship to Person first Named	AGE	SEX	TRIBAL ENROLLMENT			SLAVE OF—	REMARKS
				Year	County	No.		
<u>Roebuck, Louisa</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>1858</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>1896</u>	<u>Linnite</u>	<u>2920</u>	<u>James Colbert</u>	
<u>" Mattie</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>2922</u>		
<u>" James</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>2926</u>		
<u>" Sammet</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>2927</u>		
<u>" Samuel</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>2928</u>		
<u>" Rosa</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>Law</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>2929</u>		
<p>ENROLLMENT. OF BOX 12-2-24-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100</p> <p>APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR. FEB 16 1904</p>								
<p>No. 2 on 1896 Choctaw roll as <u>Martha Roebuck</u></p> <p>No. 4 " " " " <u>James</u></p> <p>No. 5 " " " " <u>Sam S.</u></p> <p>No. 6 " " " " <u>Rosanna</u></p> <p>No. 2 is wife of <u>Henry Roebuck</u> Cho. Freedmen card # 180.</p> <p>Mrs. 1 to 6 inclusive transferred from <u>Whickens</u> freedom card # 1089</p>								
Date of Application for Enrollment							<u>12/83</u>	
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	Year	County	No.			Year	County	No.	
<u>Stevenson, Paul</u>				<u>James Colbert</u>	<u>Rhoda Colbert</u>				<u>James Colbert</u>
<u>Roebuck</u>				<u>William Roebuck</u>	<u>No 1</u>				
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Featured Family - cont'd

Choctaw Fr. 1208

Louisa Roebuck

Fr. 1208

Louisa Roebuck
Choctaw Freedman Census Packet # 1208

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ENROLLMENT

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

ENROLLMENT

In the Matter of the ~~Admission~~ of the Lands
of the Choctaws and Chickasaws

General Office

~~Assignment to~~ *Louisa Roebuck, et al.*

Choctaw Freedmen Roll

No. **1208** ----

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Chickasaw Freedmen Card 1067.

IN RE application of Louisa Roebuck and others.

Sworn by Commissioner McKennon,

Louisa Roebuck says:

I am 46. I belonged to young Jim
Colbert a Chickasaw.

My husband Dick Roebuck is Choctaw. I have children:
Mattie, 19; James and Garnett, 16; Samuel, 12; Rosa, 10.

Louisa Roebuck
Mattie Roebuck
James Roebuck
Garnett Roebuck
Samuel Roebuck
Rosa Roebuck

enrolled.

Colbert, Oct. 18, 1898

Featured Family - cont'd

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17-1208

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 28, 1903.

Richard Colbert,
Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 21st inst., requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of Richard Roebuck and family as Choctaw freedmen, stating that Richard Roebuck is dead and that you have been appointed administrator of his estate.

You are informed it appears from our records that Richard Roebuck, now about 61 years of age of Goodland, Indian Territory, has been duly enrolled by this Commission as a Choctaw freedman and his enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903.

You are further advised that his wife, Louisa, and his children, Mattie, James, Garrett, Samuel and Rosa Roebuck have been listed for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen but their names have not yet been placed upon the schedule of Choctaw freedmen prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Featured Family - cont'd

Louisa Ruck 48
Matthie " 19
James " 16
Garnett " 16
Samuel " 12
Rosa " 10

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Louisa Ruck et al 12/83
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An Interview with Paul Garnett Roebuck, negro, Hugo, Oklahoma

Vol. 77

Interview: 13507

Date: March 31, 1938

Name: Paul Garnett Roebuck

Post Office: Hugo, Choctaw County, Oklahoma

Date of Birth: February 7, 1882

Place of Birth: Near Grant, Kiamitia County, Choctaw Nation

Father: R. D. "Dick" Roebuck

Place of Birth: Lake Roebuck, Kiamichi County, Choctaw Nation

Information on Father: Slave

Mother: Louise Stephenson

Information on Mother: Slave

Field Worker: Hazel B. Greene, Journalist

I was born February 7th, 1882, at a place near Grant. My father, R. D. (Dick) Roebuck, was born at Roebuck Lake in Kiamichi County and my mother, Louise Stephenson Roebuck, was born at Rose Hill, four miles southeast of Hugo. About two miles north of Grant there is a cemetery for negroes only called Mt. Olivet. It is in School District 14, Township 6 South, Range 18 East. My parents' house stood right in the middle of what is now that cemetery. I was born there in that house. My twin brother and I were born with a caul over our faces. There has always been a superstition that children born thus are gifted with second sight. I have not second sight but I don't know about my brother James. Another superstition is that the caul should be preserved until such time as the children wish to dispose of it someway. Ours is in a tin can in my trunk. I also have in my trunk a letter, which my grandfather wrote to my mother in 1873, from Fort Arbuckle. He was sold away from my grandmother Stephenson when my mother was a baby and taken to Fort Arbuckle, where he re-married and raised another family. However, he kept up a correspondence with my mother, and this letter is one purporting to tell a lot of the family history, but it is written in such a rambling fashion that I can get no sense out of it. The writing is legible enough, but somewhat faded and there are holes in the letter where it has been folded.

My father and mother are both buried in Mount Olivet cemetery near Grant. Father built this house in 1888. He got the logs from over Henubby Creek, about two miles southwest of here. They are hewn and in a good state of preservation. Clapboards cover the cracks. The doors are all home made. The lumber was probably hauled from Arthur City because there was a sawmill there and the lumber that ceils that east room is grooved and five tongued and I do not know where it came from.

This house was the only one on this prairie besides Judge Jim Usery's, for a long long time, from Goodland court ground to Nelson. I mean the old Goodland court ground which was about two miles north and a half mile west of the present town of Goodland. The post office was in the old hewed log home of the Reverend Silas Bacon. There was a grist mill, a blacksmith shop and the log court house, which consisted of one room, and Joel Spring had a big store there. Judge John P. Turnbull was the District Judge when I used to go over there. I don't know how long before that they held court there, or when the post office was established there. I saw many Indians and negroes

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whipped there. I saw three Indians executed on Goodland court grounds for murder. Their names were Loman Gipson, Eseau Wallace and Palie Baker. They were executed at different times. When the railroad was built through here, the post office was moved to the railroad station in Goodland three miles north of the present town of Hugo and Joel Spring moved his store up there too. They quit holding court at old Goodland then and took everything to the Mayhew court, north of what is now Boswell. I have been told that Mayhew was named for a Mr. Mayhew who lived there.

My father was a Lighthorseman then. After that he got to be a United States Marshal and was one for thirty years, until his death, June 23, 1903. He was some sort of an officer most of his life. I was a deputy sheriff a few times in my life, but I have devoted the most of my life to the ministry. Father was interpreter for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians at the Federal Courts at Paris, Texas, and at Fort Smith, Arkansas. They had no jails here, and the prisoners that they were afraid to turn loose upon their honor were kept chained around to trees until they got a wagon load, then they would load the prisoners into ox-drawn wagons and haul them to Fort Smith for trial. Only Federal prisoners were taken to Fort Smith and sometimes it would take them ten days or two weeks to go up there. It depended upon the weather and the depth of the streams. There were no bridges so if the streams were on a rise travelers would just have to wait until they were fordable. The road from here to Fort Smith was called the "Long Trail Road". It ran along west of Kiamichi River until they got to Tuskahoma. There they crossed it, but not where the bridge is now because the water was always too deep there. The route was from Goodland through Talihina, right past Judge Duke's gate, through Tuskahoma and on to Fort Smith, Arkansas. Judge Duke was later governor of the Choctaw Nation. Folks over this part of the country used to drive cattle to Fort Smith to ship. They did not ship cattle from Goodland for a year or so after the railroad was put in through here. I guess they thought they would save money driving the cattle through because they would drive the herds and graze them along at nights. I helped drive a herd of cattle to Fort Smith when I was thirteen years old. Bill Self was about the first one to ship cattle from Goodland.

This was a sparsely settled country. The main military road from Doaksville by the way of Rock Chimney crossing on Kiamichi River came right past our front gate, and on toward Durant. Then the trail or road went from Goodland to Nelson, which was the mail route, crossed the military road here by our place. Judge Usery's house was the only one in sight of us or in sight of that mail route, from here to Nelson. Mr. Usery was a white man who married one of the Roebuck girls; she died and left three young girls. Josephine, now Mrs. Latimer of Oklahoma City. Pinkie or Emma, who became Mrs. Bill Russell. She committed suicide about three years ago. Some prisoners murdered her husband, Bill Russell, on the train at Madill Christmas night 1904, as he was transporting them for delivery to a Texas sheriff of Denison, also named Bill Russell.

Annie Usery was the youngest girl; she is now Mrs. Thomas S. Self. They were married about fifty-eight years ago and live eight miles northwest of Hugo. Judge Usery never re-married. He was a County Judge a part of the time and sheriff a part of the time and had to be away from home a great deal so he would bring his little girls over here for Mother to take care of through the day while he would be away at work, so we were raised up together, like brothers and sisters, even if we were negroes, and when the girls got big enough to court, my twin brother and I used to carry notes for them and their beaux, and Mother would try to watch them and keep them from courting too young.

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My father was born at the Roebuck place on Roebuck Lake. That was the one on the north side of the lake. The house was a big one built of cedar logs. Father was twenty-six years old when the slaves were freed, but he never knew any difference because he was treated just like a member of the family, and raised just like William Roebuck's children.

William Roebuck and his wife "Granny" were tortured and robbed once of about \$1000.00 in gold. A fellow of the name of Tom Carney was suspected of being the ring leader of the party who came at night and took William Roebuck and "Granny" out of bed; took the old lady and the old man into separate rooms and beat them and made them tell where their money was buried, and then the robbers went out in the chimney corner and dug it up. It was in a regular money pot with a sealed lid. Sealed with sealing wax like they used to use to seal stone fruit jars. There were no banks convenient, so folks over here just buried the money around the place somewhere. It was all gold money anyhow, and burying would not injure it. The old folks remained tied up all night and I've forgotten whether or not someone found them or whether one of them worked loose and untied the other. But they caught the robbers and put them in jail, but I don't remember what they told me they finally did with them. I imagine they whipped them, that was the usual punishment for stealing.

I remember the Starrs and Youngers used to go through this country raiding and stealing on their way to make raids down in Texas and Mexico. I knew Bell Starr by sight and I knew her brothers, Henry, Pony and Guy Starr.* Once a neighbor of mine, Joe Ainsworth, was plowing in his field about a quarter of a mile southeast of my home. I was out in the field and saw him taking the gears off of his horse and could see somebody there, so I went over there to see what it was all about. It was Belle Starr. She rode off as I came up. He was standing there with a jaded horse. He said, "That woman took my horse"; his was a far better horse than hers and besides hers was ridden down and worn out. I didn't see any gun on her. Maybe she had one, I don't know. He didn't report her to any officer and nobody tried to follow her. All the officers and everybody else "took out" and hid when they heard that Belle Starr was in the country; people were afraid of all the Starrs so when any of the Starrs or Youngers were in the country people hid, but they were most afraid of Belle. The Youngers and the Starrs used to come down through here on their way to Texas on raids, stealing and robbing. They had a regular route they used to travel. They crossed the Red River at Jones Crossing; it was named for Wilson Jones' nephew, Sam Jones. The Starrs were a bad bunch. I have been told that Belle was sent to the penitentiary in Missouri and that after she was released she was killed about the time that Scout Younger was killed, by some of the officers in a raid. A few years ago some skeletons were dug up on the Al Nelson farm, just about on their usual route to Texas, and I have always believed that they were skeletons of people whom the Starrs and Youngers killed.

This was a pretty lawless country then and some people thought they could get away with anything, but sometimes they were brought to justice. I remember once when a fellow of the name Aldrich was carrying the mail from Goodland to Doaksville and thence east to Clear Creek and Lufata, Alikchi and Eagletown. He was carrying it in a two horse hack. One day he had no passengers and he came in and announced that he had been robbed by two negroes at Salt Springs as he had gone east the day before, that they had held him up at the point of a gun and tied him up to a tree and had taken the mail pouches out in the woods and slit them open and riffled them, then returned the empty bags and went back to the hack and that he stayed tied up until he worked himself loose and went on to Doaksville. Father went to the scene of the robbery east of Salt Springs and investigated. The only tracks he could

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find were those of the mail carrier. Then he arrested him and went to his tent home to search for the money. The man's wife wanted to shoot Father for searching her home but he found the money, about \$120.00, in a sack of corn meal. About a month later the robber was tried at Antlers and sentenced by Judge Clayton to serve five years in the Leavenworth, Kansas, Penitentiary. I used to freight from Goodland railroad station to Doaksville when Tom Sanguin ran the store at Doaksville for Joel Springs. The store at Doaksville was called the Doaksville Trading Company. Later, Will Bearden was manager of the store.

I first attended school at Grant in the old log school house there. The Reverend Wylie Homa was teacher. He was my father's own brother, but his name was Homa, because the Homas owned him. Then after a year or two I was sent to Oak Hill Academy down on Clear Boggy Creek. I must say that the log school house was not right at Grant. It was a mile south of Horse Creek, on the Roebuck Lake road. I attended Oak Hill Academy five years and graduated there. I attended Tuskegee Institute in Alabama for two and a half years where I majored in Public Speaking and Theology. Dr. Carver was a student there when I was. I am a Missionary Baptist minister now.

*Note: An error in this colored man's statement as to the relationship of Henry, Pony and Guy Starr to Belle, as is his information on page 9 about the killing of Belle Starr.

Ed.

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