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"Oklahoma Boys"

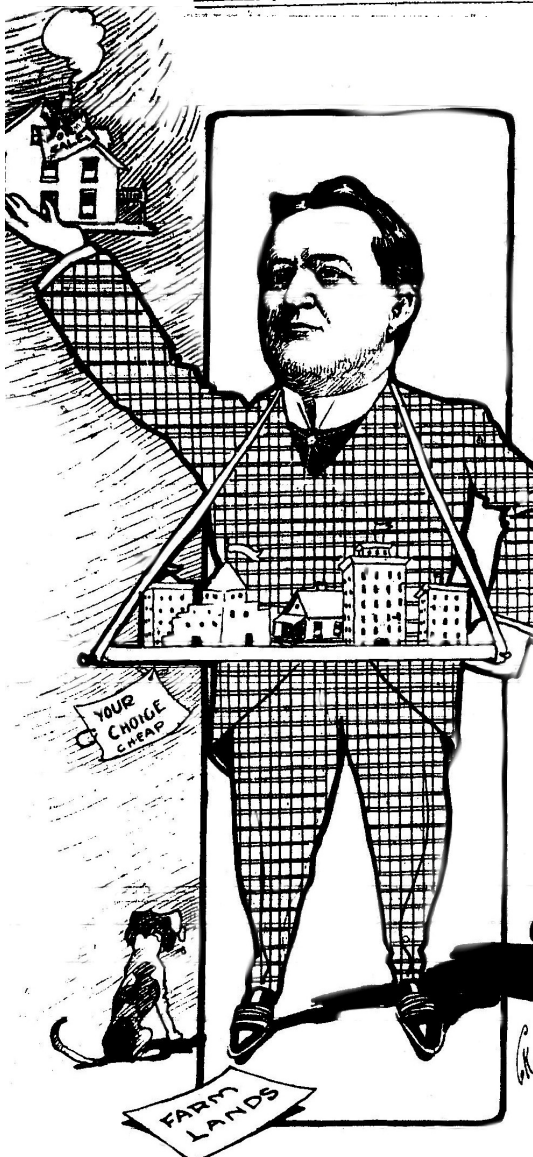
The Society has had an inquiry from Tracy Bale Flowers. She is hoping that someone might recognize some of the men in the photograph below. Tracy's grandfather traveled to Oklahoma from Texas to "make his own way" . The photograph says "Oklahoma Boys" on the back and has a date of 1908. Her grandfather, John Elbert Bale is in the center, back row. He would have been about 19 years old at the time. If you recognize any of these men, you can contact Tracy c/o: Muskogee County Genealogical Society, at the Muskogee Public Library, 801 West Okmulgee, Muskogee, OK 74401 or you can email them at mucogeso@yahoo.com

MR. A. A. KINNEY.

A. A. Kinney, a young man, but the pioneer real estate man of Muskogee. The sales of property and lands in which he has participated have been enormous and nowhere is there a discordant note to mar the commendations of honesty and fairness which mark all his transactions. Years of experience in actual real estate business, without complaints as to his dealings, speaks volumes for his manner of doing business.

Mr. Kinney was born in Jackson county, Missouri. As a young man he taught school in South Dakota. From that state he moved to Kansas, where he was secretary of the Kansas State Fair Association at Wichita. He came to Muskogee in 1893 and has been in business here continuously since his arrival. He has been a successful promoter of townsites and has had splendid success in the sale of farm lands to which he hopes to give still greater attention in the future. In addition to his other work, he has found time to successfully manage the opera house in this city as well as the show house in South McAlester.

That Mr. Kinney believes in the future of the city is best evidenced by the heavy investments he has made in city property. He is the holder of much valuable real estate, both in the city and in the Creek nation and considers it among the best of assets.



About the Artist. . .

In 1900 John Kessler's family was in Muskogee, and 17 year old Camillus was working as a pressman in his father's printing office. His artistic skills took him from the print rooms to a desk when he created Familiar Faces in Muskogee featuring his "cartoons" of local businessmen of the time. This series ran in the Muskogee Daily Phoenix in early 1905.

Camillus moved from Muskogee to St. Louis, later to New York, and enjoyed a long career as a cartoonist and artist. He created a vaudevillian type act in theaters, putting a spotlight on a member of the audience, then while the entire audience watched by means of a projecting camera that he had invented, he would draw his subject. Not just a cartoonist, but also a serious portrait artist, he refined a process of etching his portraits on zinc and bronze.

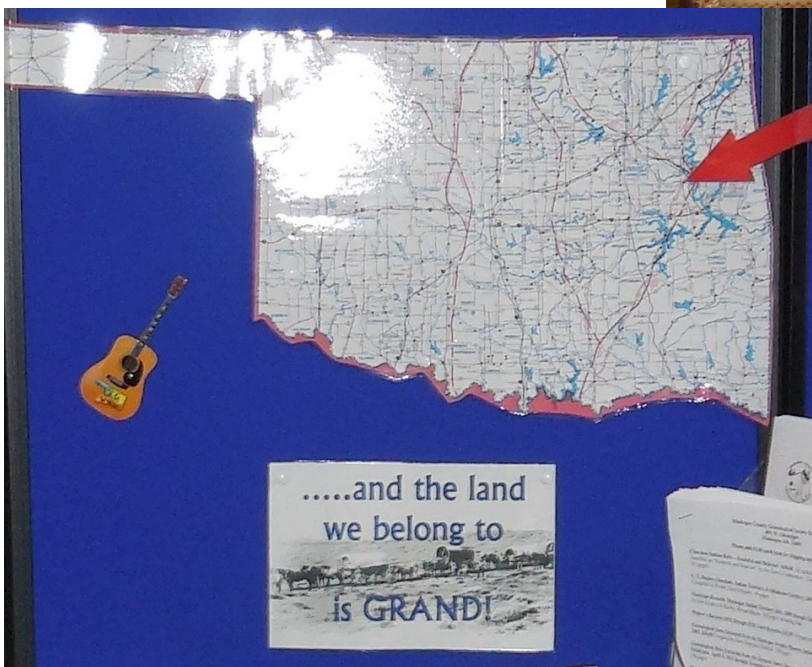
Widely known during his lifetime, Kessler's fame has diminished over time. And, while he didn't live long in Muskogee, he left these treasures which are more than worthy of preservation for enjoyment today.

Editor's note: Beginning with the December 2014 issue, from time to time, these renditions of those Muskogee Citizens will appear in and future issues.

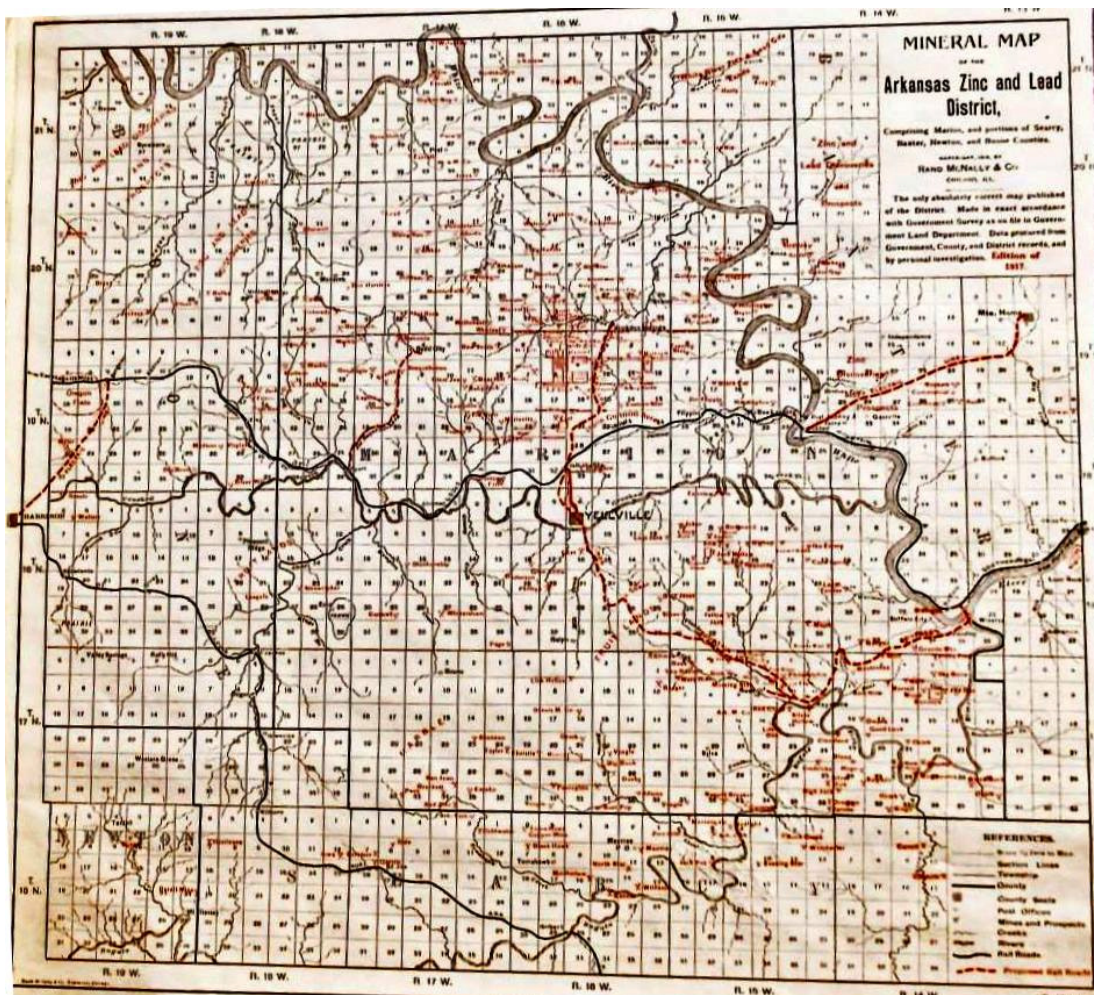
Nancy Calhoun & Mr. Bones exhibit at the 2014 FGS Conference San Antonio, Tx



Above: Exhibit by Nancy Calhoun; right: Mr. Bones promotes the cookbook drawing; Below Center: Calhoun with the cookbook winner,

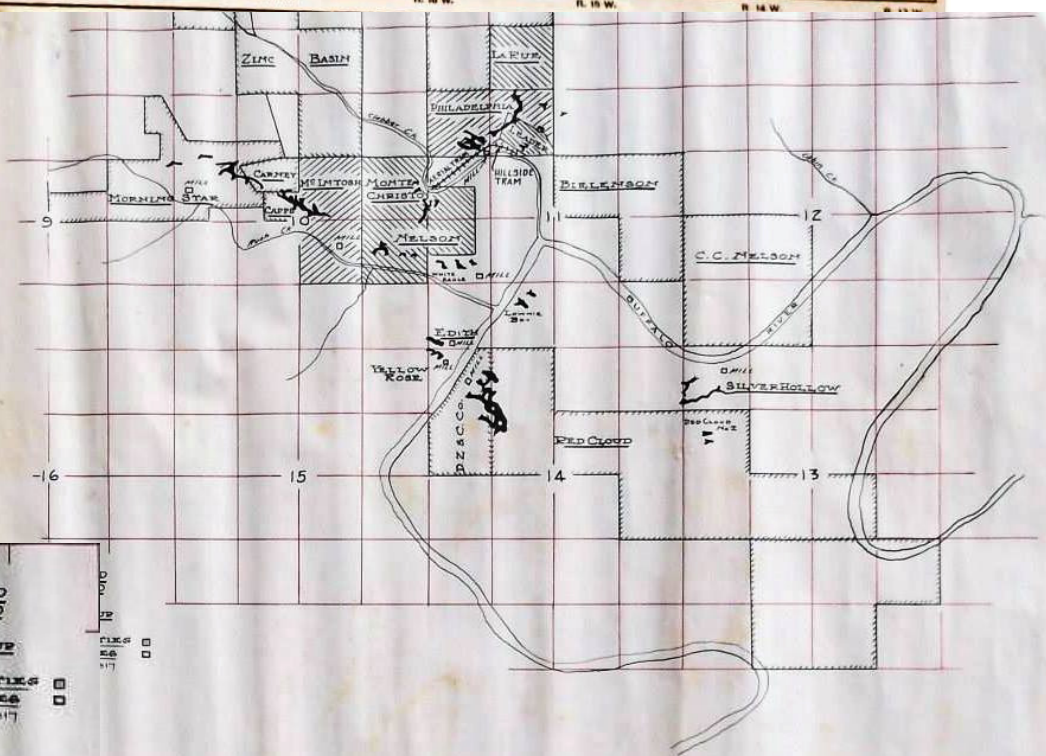


ARKANSAS ZINC AND LEAD IN MUSKOGEE



Maps
Submitted by:

Karen Wagner



J.C. SHEPHERD
MINING CO
RUSH-ARK
RUSH CREEK GROUP
OF MINES
J.C.M. PROPERTIES
OTHER PROPERTIES
RUSH-ARK JUN 5 1917

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia: A **centenarian** is a person who lives to or beyond the age of 100 years. Because [life expectancies](#) everywhere are less than 100, the term is invariably associated with [longevity](#).

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FUNERAL RECORD

(Printed and for sale by The Lane Printing Company, Publishers of Legal Blanks, Kansas City, Kansas.)

No. of Funeral 39 Date Feb 22 1924
 NAME OF DECEASED James Miller Aged 102 Years Months 12 Days
 Born in Mexico Funeral held from Chapel
 Color Nationality Mexican Interred at Burial
 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Widowed Shipped to
 (Write the Word.)
 Husband or Wife of Via R. R. Train No. Time M.
 Late Residence County Farm Date of Interment Feb 23 1924
 Date of Death Feb 22 1924 Ordered by County
 Place of Death 135 S Charged to County
 Cause of Death Pneumonia Address City
 Physician's Name Dr. Gregory Terms of Sale
 *Always carry name of deceased to index.

(Payments made on this bill.)

DATE	Dollars	Cts.	ITEMS OF BILL	Dollars	Cts.
			Casket No. <u>✓ A</u> Size <u>43</u>	17	00
			Grave Vault <u> </u> Outside Box <u> </u>		
			Name Plate and Engraving <u> </u>		
			Washing and Laying Out Remains <u> </u> Shaving <u> </u>		
			Preserving Remains by Embalming <u> </u>		
			Burial Robe, Suit or Dress, Color <u>LT</u> Material <u> </u>	2	00
			Underclothing <u>LT</u> Slippers <u> </u>	1	00
			Pair of Gloves, Color <u> </u> Material <u> </u>		
			dozen Chairs <u> </u> Cartage <u> </u>		
			Door Badge <u> </u>		
			Cash paid for <u>813</u>		
			Newspaper Notices <u> </u>		
			Grave, \$ <u> </u> Sexton's Fees, \$ <u> </u>		
			Personal Services <u> </u>		
			Flowers <u> </u>		
			Hearse from <u> </u> Color <u> </u>		
			Automobiles from <u> </u> Price each, \$ <u> </u>		
			Ambulance Service <u> </u>		
			Amount of this bill	20	00
			Amount from preceding page		
			Carried over to next		

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FUNERAL RECORD

No. of Funeral 10th Date 5/27/28 10:20
NAME OF DECEASED* Margie Wood Aged 14 Years Months 10 Days
Born in Arkansas Funeral held from _____
Color white Nationality _____ Interred at Burner
Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced single Shipped to _____
(Write the Word.)
Husband or Wife of _____ Via _____ R. R. Train No. _____ Time _____ M.
Late Residence Burner Date of Interment 5/28-28
Date of Death 5/25-1928 Ordered by Bill Harrison
Place of Death Burner Charged to County
Cause of Death Lucine Address _____
Physician's Name Dr. Ford Terms of Sale _____
*Always carry name of deceased to index.

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Old Friends Will Greet Helen Keller In Muskogee

When Helen Keller comes to Muskogee Wednesday, February 17, with her teacher and companion, Mrs. Anne Sullivan Macy, to give her lecture on "Happiness" she will find that she is by no means coming into a city of strangers. Besides the thousands of people who are interested in her here because of her marvelous triumph over affliction Miss Keller will find personal friends and friends of her family.

Miss Harriet U. Andrews, a Kansas City teacher in a school for the deaf, who is now in Muskogee, is a personal friend of Miss Keller and Mrs. Macy. With her sister and brother-in-law Miss Andrews is making a walking trip through the country and writing her experiences for the Kansas City Sunday Star. Because of their mutual interest in teaching the deaf to vocalize Miss Andrews and Miss Keller first met and have been friends for several years. When the Kansas City party reached Muskogee last week Miss Andrews found a letter from Mrs. Macy saying that she and Miss Keller would be here this week and that they hoped that the walkers would reach the city at a time coincident with their visit. So the walking party went into camp for a week in order that Miss Andrews may meet her friend during Miss Keller's visit to the city.

Another visitor in the city who knows Mrs. Macy and Miss Keller and who says that Helen Keller has been more of an inspiration to her than anyone in the world is Mrs. Katherine Van Deren Liggett, of New Orleans, who is the guest of Mrs. W. E. Greer, at the Torson. Mrs. Liggett is an especial friend of the young woman who has arranged the lecture tours for Mrs. Macy and Miss Keller this season and has frequently met both Mrs. Macy and Miss Keller. "In a way Mrs. Macy is an even more remarkable personality than Helen Keller," says Mrs. Liggett. "When she first met Helen Keller she was herself a young girl and in helping her pupil to acquire an education she has educated herself. Every word of every problem, every page of history and language that Helen Keller mastered in her college course at Radcliffe Mrs. Macy spelled into her hand, letter by letter. I have often thought at what effort to

her teacher and companion as well as to herself, Helen Keller has triumphed over darkness and silence and has 'come forth into the light.' "

Miss Rose Bennett of the Torson, whose home is in Little Rock, Ark., knows Miss Keller's family intimately. Helen Keller has an uncle, Dr. Keller, in Little Rock and when she was growing up she and Mrs. Macy, then Miss Sullivan, spent a winter with Dr. Keller's family and with the family of an aunt, Mrs. Miller, who



HELEN KELLER AND HER TEACHER
MRS. MACY

See KELLER: continued on Page 8

Submitted by Nancy Calhoun from
The Muskogee Times Democrat, February 15, 1915, Page 3

still lives there. "At that time," Miss Bennett says, "Helen Keller was just learning to vocalize. A reception was given for her on one occasion and as people were introduced to her Mrs. Macy spelled the names into Helen's hand. Instantly Helen repeated the name aloud. She recited a little poem during the evening, too. The unconquerable will that has enabled Helen Keller to gain a college education and to master speech is a characteristic of the Keller family. None of them know the meaning of defeat."

Mrs. Fred E. Turner has never met Helen Keller personally but she is an ardent admirer of the remarkable young woman and has followed her development with the deepest interest. "To me," Mrs. Turney says, "Helen Keller is remarkable for personal beauty and grace of manner, joined to a modesty that defies envy. She is a shining light and an inspiration to the future."

Mrs. Claude L. Steele is a personal friend of Charles A. White, of the Boston conservatory of music, through whose instrumentality Helen Keller finally learned to vocalize. Mr. White became deeply interested in Miss Keller's efforts to learn to speak and during an entire winter in Boston he patiently worked with the girl, giving her voice training that strengthened her vocal chords and gave her control over them. Mrs. Macy says that it is to Mr. White's efforts that Helen Keller's final achievement of speech is due. Mrs. White and Mrs. Steele were classmates.

"Mr. White has a number of former pupils who have become grand opera successes, but I imagine that he is prouder of Helen Keller than of any pupil he has ever had, even though she can never sing," said Mrs. Steele.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR 'UNCLE BILL' TO BE HELD TODAY

William Herring, Pioneer Peace
Officer, Known Through-
out Southwest

LIVED HERE MANY YEARS

Despite Arrests of Many
Criminals, Veteran Officer
Never Killed a Man

Funeral services for William Herring, 74, pioneer peace officer in eastern Oklahoma, will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Guipel chapel. Herring, or "Uncle Bill," as he was known to hundreds of Muskogeeans, died yesterday at the Old Folks home in Muskogee. Six uniformed members of the city police department will act as pallbearers, in tribute to Muskogee's first chief of police.

Two Sons Survive

He is survived by two sons, Joe, of Muskogee, and Frank, of Oklahoma City. His wife died in August, 1919. Officers who will serve as pallbearers are Dick West, Jim Smith, George Elliott, Joe Gillenwater, Charles Hartwell, and Charles Crane. Burial will be at Greenhill.

As one of the first United States marshals in the Indian Territory, Herring arrested some of the notorious outlaws whose killings and depredations were the scourge of the frontier country. During a lifetime of law enforcement, Herring never killed a man, nor even wounded one.

Herring was born in North Carolina in 1855, and came to Muskogee in 1890 when the city was a frontier village. Two years later, President Cleveland appointed him guard of the federal jail at Muskogee.

As a law enforcement officer, Herring's motto was "Treat all men as gentlemen and stay away from roughness."

When Muskogee was incorporated, he served as night city marshal for two years, and was re-elected for several terms.

Takes Ranching Job

In 1904, Herring abandoned law enforcement for ranching. He was made foreman of the C. W. Turner ranch then near the city. Several years later, he was appointed deputy United States marshal of the Muskogee district. After serving eight years in this office, he became a member of the police department.

As a pioneer peace officer, Herring fought many notorious outlaws in the Indian Territory, including Cherokee Bill, Bill and Al Cook, and Al Jennings. Following his resignation from the city police force, he served as bailiff in the federal court of Judge R. L. Williams. After an illness, he entered the Old Folks home.

Submitted by Nancy Calhoun.

Source: Muskogee Daily Phoenix
October 27, 1929, Page 1

9 Muskogee County Men Inducted Into Service

Inducted into the armed service Tuesday were nine Muskogee County men, the Muskogee County Selective Service Board announced.

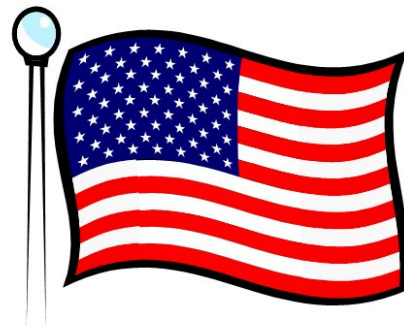
Men were Willie Tate of Boynton, Robert S. Herron of Council Hill and John W. Brown Jr., Jimmie S. Harris, Timothy L. Roberts, Allan E. Harder, Michael L. Capps, Stephen M. Sandage and Marion Oakley, all of Muskogee.

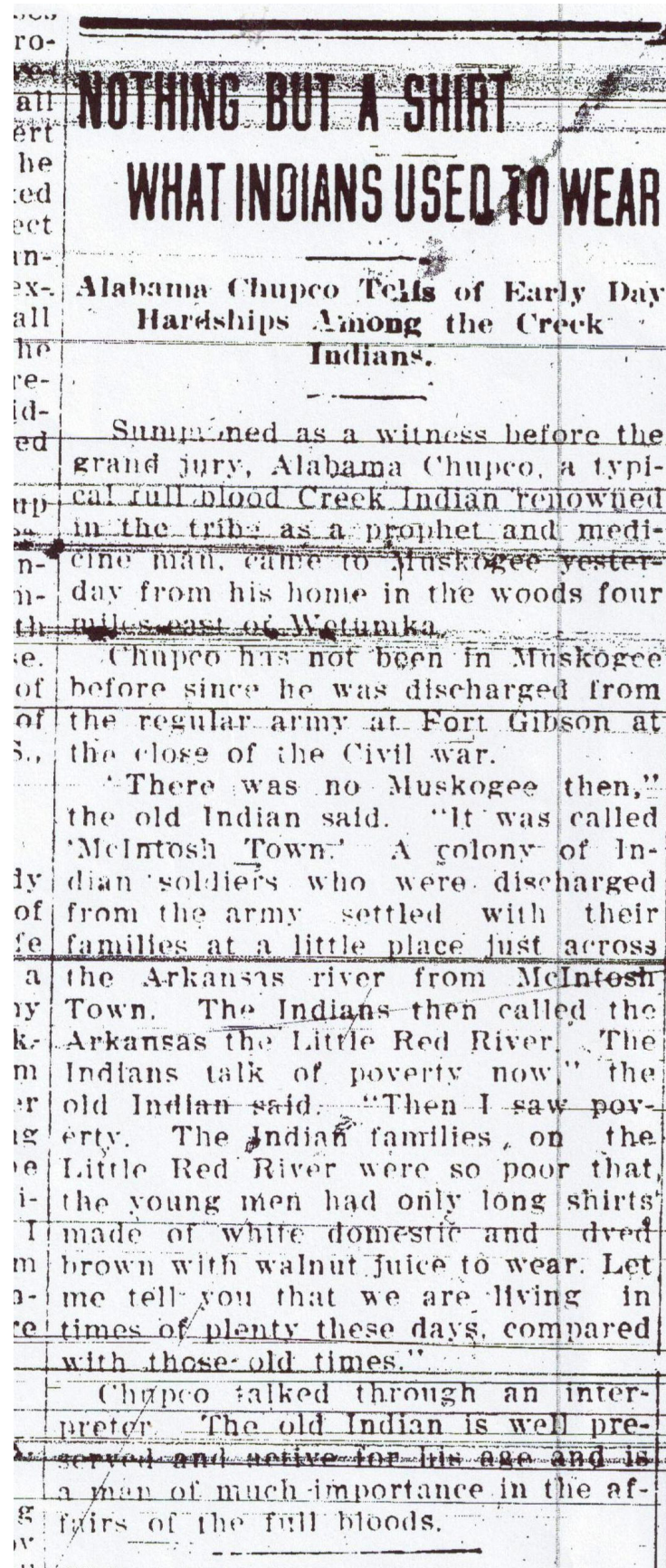
No draft call for February has been announced yet but physical examinations for 27 men have been scheduled February 3. Jan. 21, 1970

Near Right: Image of local history researched and posted by:

Charles Scribner, who, with other contributors, post historical items on

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NOTHING BUT A SHIRT

WHAT INDIANS USED TO WEAR

Alabama Chupco Tells of Early Day
Hardship Among the Creek
Indians

Summoned as a witness before the grand jury, Alabama Chupco, a typical full blood Creek Indian renowned in the tribe as a prophet and medicine man, came to Muskogee yesterday from his home in the woods four miles east of Wetumka.

Chupco has not been in Muskogee before since he was discharged from the regular army at Fort Gibson at the close of the Civil War.

"There was no Muskogee then," the old Indian said. "It was called McIntosh Town." A colony of Indian soldiers who were discharged from the army settled with their families at a little place just across the Arkansas River from McIntosh Town. The Indians then called the Arkansas the Little Red River. "The Indians talk of poverty now," the old Indian said. "Then I saw poverty. The Indian families, on the Little Red River were so poor that the young men had only long shirts, made of white domestic and dyed brown with walnut juice to wear. Let me tell you that we are living in times of plenty these days, compared with those old times."

Chupco talked through an interpreter. The old Indian is well preserved and active for his age and is a man of much importance in the affairs of full bloods.

Source: Muskogee Daily Phoenix, 15 Jan 1910, Page 8.

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Transcribed by Nancy Lasater

Muskogee's Past in Pictures

Provided by Charles Scribner, who along with other contributors, post historical items on Facebook site: "Muskogee and Muskogee County History."



April 12, 1956 Mrs. Josephine Fee, teacher at Houston Elementary School Muskogee, OK (1st Grade)

First Row (left to right) Linda Cordis, Bob Boatman, Linda Clanton, and Linda Borovetz
Second Row - Sharon McDaniel, Nancy Haines, Bobby Thompson, Roger Ritchie, Carolyn Eskridge, Marsha Severance, and Kenneth Richardson
Third Row - Suzanne Parks, Carolyn LeCompte, Francis Haynes, Donna Brown, Julie West, Gary McFadden, and Shirley Crossland
Fourth Row - Jimmy Marsh, Betty Davis, Rhonda Jones, Paula Slaughter, Tony Storey, Christine Cunningham, and Gary Wayne McKenzie

Muskogee County Genealogical Society meetings are held at 6:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month (except July and August) in the Grant Foreman room at the **Muskogee Public Library**, 801 West Okmulgee, Muskogee, OK. . The Board of Directors meetings are held the third Monday at 5:30 PM in the library's Genealogy and Local History department. All members are invited to attend the Board meetings. Our **Research**, **Membership Policy** and **Publication** information is outlined on our website www.muskogee-county-genealogical-society.org or you may write to us at: **Muskogee County Genealogical Society**, c/o Muskogee Public Library, 801 West Okmulgee, Muskogee, OK 74401. Email us at: mucogeso@yahoo.com