

1509 East 20th St.,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
Aug. 10, 1930.

Mr. C. Guy Cutlip,  
Wewoka,  
Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Cutlip:

The Tulsa Tribune has assigned to me the editorial work on an historical series to be based on the speeches delivered last fall at the Statehood Day banquet. The series has been recommended as a reading course in the schools, and we hope to make it the outstanding educational feature of the year.

In connection with your own most comprehensive talk on the Seminoles, I am asking you for supplementary material. Will you please give us a short biographical sketch, especially in connection with your interest in the Indians? Also a list of prominent men of Seminole blood, people who have done something of note, and, if possible, some of the people of Seminole blood who profited by the recent oil boom. I suppose some of them must have struck it rich, and it is rather ironical in contrast with the sharp bargains that have been made with them in the past.

Can you tell me of any old Seminole legends or songs that we might use along with your speech, a death song, or creation legend such as that of the Choctaws? Our records here in Tulsa seem woefully lacking in any such lore.

Perhaps you have access to cuts or pictures that we haven't in our files and if so we should like very much to take them for a while--scenes among the Seminoles, the whipping tree, council house, old mission or capitol building, pictures of any of the old tribesmen. And will you please tell me who the present chief is?

I'm trying to get the material together as quickly as possible in order to be ready for school opening and will appreciate hearing from you. We're trying to make this little history vivid, as well as authentic, and I think pictures, songs, legends and anecdotes will do it. Thanking you very much for any assistance you may be able to give me, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
(Mrs. W. D. Emery)

August 15th, 1930.

Mrs. W.O. Emery  
1509 East 80th Street  
TULSA, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Emery:-

In reply to yours of the 10th I give the following biographical sketch:

Born at Medicine Lodge Kansas, April 6th, 1881.

Attended public school first in that city

Came to Oklahoma Territory (Kingfisher) in 1889. Have been resident of Oklahoma over since that time. Attended public schools and state university of Oklahoma.

Moved to Nowata 1901, Married to Miss Amo Butts Mar 22nd, 1903, have lived in Nowata and therefore among the Seminoles all my married life. Have no particular interest in the Seminoles aside from the history of the people, which is interesting. I find them universally ignorant, sloven and lazy.

Have been identified with every forward movement toward progress in Seminole County and Nowata. Organized and wrote the constitution and plans for the first Chamber of Commerce of this place. That plan has been adopted throughout the country, whether from my plan or otherwise I do not know. Have served as President of the Chamber of Commerce and on the Board of Directors almost continuously for ten or fifteen years. Was elected the first Mayor of Nowata after it became a city. Served until Fall of 1926 when resigned.

Am now President Chamber of Commerce, also Governor of the State Bar of Oklahoma, the organization having supervision of attorneys of the state, disbarment and admission was elected by the lawyers in the 18th Supreme Court Judicial District composed of eight counties.

Author of various short stories, travelogues, and "The History of Law." Have one child Maxine, now Mrs. Dr. Kenneth Winder of Nowata.

Practice law and have property interests on the side.

Simon Fish, Chilli Fish, Amos Joshua, John Burgess, George Scott and a host of other Seminoles have been fortunate. To tell you legends and other things would take up more space than I am able to give this morning, although the Seminoles are very replete with such legends. I have written many of them, but unless it is very necessary will not undertake it here, as I will have to look up old data, and I am lazy. John F. Brown, Principal Chief of Seminoles for more than thirty years was one of the outstanding Indians of America. John Chupco, another chief just after the Civil War was outstanding. Of course you know about Wildcat and Osceola in the Florida Everglades. John Jumper was principal chief just before the Civil war out here. Think you will find in the "morgue" of Tulsa World picture of old Capitol bldg, I have not one. Also many stories were carried along in 1922-24 and early part 1925 by the World.

Respectfully.,

C. Guy Cutlip