Seminole Council House--- Wewoka.

After the Civil War and the treaty of 1866 which freed the ~~slax~~ slaves and made the negro a member of the Seminole Tribe of Indians, with equal impostance of a full-blood , the Seminoles decided that under these conditions , it was nesessary that they have a government.

The leaders of both the Nothern and Southern soldiers called a meeting and formed the first government that the Seminoles had ever had..

It provided for representation in a Council from the 14 bands of the Seminoles; twelve Indian bands and two negro bands.

This Council made the laws and also enforced them.

Soon after the Government had been established and worked out WEWOKA was designated as the Capitol of the Seminole Nation .

E J Brown, a white man,adopted into the Seminole tribe establishe a little trading store on the banks of Wewoka Creek and called it WE-WO-KA which is a Seminole word meanbng " Barking Waters" named beseause of some little falls playing over the rocks in this stream of water.

John Chupco was the first principal chief. He was a great athlete having walked from Little River to Ft Gibson and distance of 90 miles from sun-up tp sun-down. He was a good chief. Enforce and enacted laws which took care of his people.

The Council H ouse or the Seminole Capitol Building was located

just South of the of the E J Brown trading store. It was built of logs and used this way for some time. Later it was weather-boarded over the logs and was used as a resilience.

Today itis owned by the city of Wewoka and has been added to and changed until it looks like an entirely different building. In fact only a few"old ~~xxxxxx xxxxxxx~~ timers" here even know that it is an historical building. It is used as a rest house for Indian women and children who come to Wewoka on business etc. I wonder if many of the " City Dads" know that they own such a valuble piece of property. ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ It has been on at least three locations since it was built.