

Eligh would never see the day that land was worth \$2,000.00 again. Oh, some 20 years later, they struck oil on my father's lot. I had a brother who was quite mischievous. He used to sit and look at my dad and say, "Well pa, you sure did cheat Mr. Eligh, didn't you?" But such is the way that Oklahoma has been thru many years.

SAMSON T. JEFFERSON

We left Grady County and moved to McCurtain County and we lived near the little village of Hochatown. And I had taken the post office there from a very prominent Indian by the name of Samson T. Jefferson. Samson was a full blood Choctaw Indian. He was most highly respected person. Not only the Indians, but whites also went to Samson for advice and counseling. He was always highly respected and everybody thought a great deal of him. In fact, our first home in McCurtain County was on a lease taken from Samson. And I knew his wife and his son and daughter, a daughter who attended old Wheelock Academy and later she attended the Indian school in Kansas. Sosey was a very intellegent young Indian girl and she was highly respected and looked up to by all the people in the community. Samson had married several wives and for several years had been the postmaster in Hochatown. He died about the time World War I first begun. He died in a hotel in Broken Bow and as the peace officer or marshall of Broken Bow went in to his room--as he was called by the land lady and said she couldn't get any response from Samson and she had knocked several times at his deer and had not answered and she called the marshall to come and open the door. He was well acquainted with Samson and when he went in, Samson told him that he was dying. But he said he did not have to worry because he knew he was saved. Samson had served in the little Choctaw church in Hochatown as pastor for a number of years. And as many white people as Indians went to his funeral and his passing was mourned by all the people in that little village.

Samson was buried in the cemetery in Hochatown but several of his wives was