

(Jack Brown was born near Marble City, Indian Territory, May 3, 1887. His father was John L. Brown, three-fourths Cherokee and his mother was Salley (Mackey) Brown, one-eighth Cherokee. )

I attended Jay school and then Mackey Switch school while living with my aunt. At twelve I was living at Webbers Falls. From twelve to fourteen years old I lived at Sallisaw in Sequoyah County. We lived on a farm and my father was also a member of the Cherokee Tribal Police force. In 1901, I entered the sixth grade at the Male Seminary, where I graduated and was offered a teaching position. (He was issued a temporary teaching certificate by the board of education, composed of O.H.P. Brewer, A. S. Wiley and Charlotte Archer.) I married a school teacher, Miss Nola LeFlore, on June 28, 1916. She was the great granddaughter of Chief Greenwood LeFlore, the famous old soldier, diplomat and statesman of Choctaw fame. He was one half Choctaw and one half French and he negotiated the "Dancing Rabb it Treaty" in 1830, which provided the means for effecting the removal of the Choctaws from the east.

I began teaching as a grade school teacher at the Male Seminary in 1907 and taught there until 1910 when the seminary burned down. In September, 1911, I went to Armstrong Academy at Bokchito, Oklahoma for one year. In September 1913, I was employed as superintendent of Muyaka Boarding School at Nuyaka, Oklahoma where I served three years. I went from there to to the office of the Five Civilized Tribes in Muskogee for two years. Then transferred back to the Nuyaka school. I stayed there until 1922, when I was transferred directly to the Euchee Boarding School at Sapulpa. In March 1924 I began my service at the Sequoyah Vocation School.

When I taught at the Male Seminary we had a drill team, in which I was the captain. We used to go to the Capitol Square here in Tahlequah and drill when one of the Cherokee Chief's was delivering a message or some particular thing was going on. We learned the technique of drilling from West Point. In addition to the marching in the capitol square we also took our drill team to the Female Seminary and drilled for them, after they had a basketball game