

preferably an Indian himself." This man called to the judge and said, "I know a proper person for this job." The order was to bring father into Ft. Smith one day when the judge was in court. Realizing that the Marshal must have his men with him, he promptly said to the court that it was dismissed for a short period. He called to the man by his name and said "Whom do you have with you?" He said "I have John Brown from ten miles north of Sallisaw, Indian Territory." The judge immediately replied, "Stand up, John Brown and be sworn in." Father said he was really frightened (stage fright).

During the Civil War father volunteered or was forced into the Confederate Army, when he was fourteen years old. His service was from Webbers Falls, south, back to Ft. Gibson. Mostly in the neighborhood of Ft. Gibson and Ft. Davis. He relates that at that time the country was practically a wilderness, plenty of game and plenty of wild food especially in the summer time, including fruits and berries. At one time his group which was generally a small detail and included a friend of father's by the name of Markham, the father of Hogan Markham. They were detailed to proceed to Webbers Falls to capture a federal supply boat, but almost were captured themselves. They were camped near Webbers Falls near the mouth of the Illinois River on the Webbers Falls side. They were preparing their breakfast and somebody happened to look up and said the Federals were coming. During the day a horse became sick and it was necessary to do away with the horse, so father was riding behind Mr. Markham. When the signal was made, Mr. Markham was busy and didn't hear the signal, so he was left afoot. It took a while for him to get back to Ft. Davis and he subsisted on berries and other things he could find along the way.

As a deputy U.S. Marshal my father was requested by a writ from Judge Parker's office at Ft. Smith to apprehend a Cherokee Indian by the name of Mose Miller, who had murdered a merchant, John Madden in Braggs, Oklahoma. Mose had a pal who drank with him and who was in to some of the same meanness Mose was in, but