

almost went to war about it. But it was the good fortune would have it, they finally got their troubles settled. And most of it was, most of their physical difficulties happened up there around the old capital building in Tuskahoma. But it finally got settled. They moved into a different atmosphere. In other words, they found out that it didn't do any good to fight. So they compromised and they have had a separate government. Choctaw Nation, Well, they still have their separate government, but it doesn't pretend to interfere with state government, white man's government.

#### HENRY BELVIN - PRESENT CHIEF OF CHOCTAWS

They still have their chief, he now lives at ... his name is Henry Belvin. He lives in Durant. He served in the state Senate last time. But he was defeated for the present term. Henry Belvin, he is I guess, about the only old time citizen that is representative of the still older settlement than any Choctaw in this part of the country. He comes from a very prominent and outstanding family. He was elected here as state senator. He was defeated this last time. But he served four years in the state senate, and made us a very good senator. Anyway, the Choctaws and the white people, they intermarried and they have been associated together so much that the Choctaws have lost most of their - what they thought was activities, governmental activities. And the white people have gotten to a point where they don't pay much attention to 'em. So, it's just kind of a hush hush deal now. I think Belvin is still principal chief of the Choctaws. I am not sure about this; but I think he is, and he's making a good one.

#### OTHER PROMINENT MEN IN EARLY DAYS

We a few Choctaws that live here. Mr. Hunter, who I mentioned is