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Interview with R. I. Hullum
of Terral, Oklahoma.

R. I. Hullum was born in the year of 1870 in Stephens County, Texas, and came to the Chickasaw Nation in 1898.

I settled near Terral. We had to have a permit to settle on this land but it wasn't hard to get a permit.

Indians came from the West and settled in and around us at times. They lived in their tepees. Fleetwood was an Indian and he would invite the Indians to visit him.

Dave Campbell put up a grocery store on the Chisholm Trail. There were two Chisholm Trails: one, the southern trail, went toward Big Spring, Texas; the other was the northern trail.

I have been on the Chisholm ranch in New Mexico.

When Greer County came into Oklahoma, I went out and homesteaded and that country was altogether different from any I had ever been in; Greer County was hilly, rough, and rocky, with sand.

I did not understand about breaking land out there. Plowing this ground caused the sand to blow. All the land I broke blew away. I saw that this country was for cattle-men only and decided that if I ever farmed I would have to

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come back to a tight land or a different type of soil.

I came back here and leased some land from Staily Walker and from Fleetwood. Most of his land was in pasture. I built a half dugout and covered it with brush and sticks, using mud for cement. Everyone around here lived in that kind of house for awhile, at least.

One time I took a bunch of cattle over west of the Reservation. I had to pay to cross the Reservation and I had no money and they were coming the next morning to demand the money. I told Juanah Parker about it. He tipped me off. He told me to get up real early and go around the guards and watch for all scouts. I did and I went through O. K.

Juanah Parker was the best Indian I ever saw or knew. He always wanted to do me a favor. He kept the few cattle I had from being stampeded many times.