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Interview with
Lucy Hawkins, Tushka, Oklahoma.
William Hawkins, born December
25, 1865; died several years ago.

When Hawkins was thirteen years old he ran away from home. He went to the home of an old Indian herb doctor. There he learned all about the different plants used in making Indian medicine. He also learned the art of administering this medicine and became a practitioner.

In time he decided to use his knowledge of Indian medicine, and in the use of it, to make money. Accordingly he joined a medicine show. He drove a carriage with six white horses in the parade and was dressed in a chief's costume with head dress and all the trappings and was known as Chief Spotted Wolf.

He drifted from one show to another, always trying to make more money. He danced the Golden Glide dance, a kind of hypnotic dance, while in the show business.

Finally he reached Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and decided to quit the medicine show business.

In Harrisburg he went to a barber and had his hair cut. It had not been cut for twenty-one years

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and was three feet long.

In a few years he returned to his own people, but had almost forgotten the Indian language. He spoke the Indian language brokenly, but he spoke the English language fluently.

After his return to the Indian Territory he went on a hunting trip to Alaska. On his return he married Lucy White. One child, Ruby, was born to them.

Before his death he established moving picture theatres at Stringtown, Tushka and Kiowa. The Theatres were called Red Wing theatres.

There was a legend in the Hawkins family that a daughter of the Hawkins line would be born who would become a great dancer and contortionist. Hawkins hoped that his own daughter might be the favored one but he was disappointed.

Ruby married and a daughter was born to her. Again Hawkin's hope revived but he died when the granddaughter was a mere baby.

This granddaughter dances beautifully and is a real contortionist so the legend may have come true

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at last. The girl is now fifteen years old and is very beautiful.

Lucy Hawkins who gave the information in the foregoing manuscript was the wife of William Hawkins, now deceased.