

POLECAT, WALTER

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Interview with Mr. Walter Polecat
Long, Oklahoma

I was born June 15, 1867, at the Tom Proctor place about two miles west of Nicut, Oklahoma. I am of Cherokee descent, and aged at present 70 years.

Father-Andrew Polecat was born at Bunch, Oklahoma, in the year 1845, died January 6, 1910. He was of Cherokee descent, and did not take any part in the Civil War, was too young.

Mother-Sarahana Seabolt was born near Nicut, Oklahoma, date unknown, and died three miles south of Short, Oklahoma.

Grandfather-Andrew Polecat was born in Georgia, date unknown. Died about two miles southwest of Nicut, Oklahoma. He was of Cherokee descent, and was a Union soldier in the Civil War. He lived to be 102 years old.

Grandmother-Betsy Seabolt was born in Georgia. Date of birth unknown. Died two miles southwest of Nicut, Oklahoma. She was of Cherokee descent. She lived to be 99 years old.

There is a creek named after the Polecat family, near where they lived, two miles southwest of Nicut,

Mr. Polecat's story about the old road that came from Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, to Fort Smith, Arkansas, is that this road began at Brushy Mountain.

It forked on top of Brushy Mountain between what is now Rocky point, and Brushy School house. One branch went due east, across Hood mountain, down in Salt hollow, and went near Mr. Polecat's home, and went on east to Fort Smith, Arkansas. The other road went near Akin, Indian Territory, on down by Mineral Spring school house, three miles north of Muldrow, Oklahoma; then on to Fort Smith, Arkansas. The reason for two roads was that the soldiers could get along faster and, of course, this road that came by the Polecat place was so that they could follow the creek on down to Fort Smith. Mr. Polecat says his dad told him about the road; also he has seen the soldiers pass on these roads. They are nothing but deep ditches now where he said the road was. You can tell that some time or other a road was there, however.