

HOMAN, S. V.

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Interview with  
S. V. Homan  
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The Old Asbury Training School is located about one and one-fourth miles northeast of Eufaula. Reverend Young Ewing was minister, John Herall, W. M. Martin, and E. N. Brodie were teachers, and Doctor Linsey was the physician.

Mary Martin was head matron and Ellen Martin, her sister, was one of the instructors. My father, John Homan, was the instructor in the agricultural department. He met Mary Martin there for the first time and later they were married. Ellen Martin later married E. N. Brodie.

When a small boy, Peter Ewing came to the school, and when asked what his name was, he said, "Peter Rabbit", so he was called by that name.

This school was kept up by the Methodists. Reverend Theodore F. Brewer was one of the outstanding men of the school. He did so much for the school, and for the Indians. He was a great missionary, minister and teacher. He built the first church (Methodist) in Eufaula, and

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was pastor of this church several times.

My father, John Homan, enjoyed hunting. He would take the boys from the school and go out and kill twenty-five or thirty squirrels at one time and pickle them for winter.

He planted and raised the first wheat that was ever raised in this part of the country; also raised quite a lot of cattle.

There is not much of the Asbury building left since it burned so many years ago. There are one or more out-houses left, that are now on the land used by the Ufaula Boarding School.