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Story of a Certain Secluded Spot  
in Atoka County as a landmark.

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Atoka County as an Indian Country in the days of the past as of the present has its noted marked place, though no attention has ever been given and it is almost forgotten though the old timers have given much thought to, and talked about a certain place which is located in the wooded land of said county.

The subject about which we shall write is the four springs close together in a branch which runs toward the creek. At this certain place there is water which comes out of the spring and it is never dry unless in severe hot summer. At this place, in the old hunting days when there was no town, farm, houses or railroads, beasts and other animals of the forests would come to this spring to quench their thirst.

At one time a certain Choctaw Indian, a natural born hunter as most Indians are, was out hunting when he noticed deer tracks which he followed until he tracked the deer to

the spring. He did not follow the track away from the spring but rather studied the spring and the surrounding location. He was satisfied with the place, but he went home and a few mornings after he returned and hid himself under some cover at a certain distance from the spring until— true to his plan, he saw a big buck and three or four white deer coming down the side of the hill for water. The hunter was already in a position to shoot when they came to water. By this method and by knowing about the time when they came for water this man did not have to go out in the deep woods but instead would go to the spring and kill his meat at leisure.

There is a sign today where he used to hide to kill his game. There is a large post oak tree that stands on the bank of the stream. This man would climb up nearly to the top of this tree and there he nailed a piece of board to lie rest and await for his game. If it took several hours he would lie and wait until he killed the deer before returning.

he board is still nailed to the fork of that tree which still stands and one can see it by driving to this famous spring known as "The Blue Spring." In place of deer, bear

