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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ALEX POSEY

Alex Posey, poet, dialect writer and business man, who was drowned in the North Canadian river last week, was born near Eufaula about thirty-five years ago. He was educated at Bacone University and since the year of his graduation has been active and prominent in the politics, literature and business of the Indian Territory and Oklahoma. He held the office of council member in the councils of his tribe, the Creek or Muskogee nation, in early manhood and was later in charge of three different boarding schools all of which he managed very successfully though he was quite young. He was promoted to the superintendency of all the Creek schools but resigned in a few months and retired to his farm near Bald Hill where he remained until 1901 when he removed with his family to Eufaula and became

publisher and editor of The Indian Journal. In his newspaper he began publishing his Fus Fixico Letters of Indian dialect and philosophy which immediately made him famous for keen insight into character, goodhumored satires on public men and affairs and high literary merit. He sold the Indian Journal in 1903 and became interested in the Muskogee Times Democrat in which he continued his Letters, but after another year of newspaper life he resigned and entered the service of the U. S. Indian Agency for the Five Civilized tribes where he did faithful work for the government and in which capacity he exerted much influence in the interest of the poorer and less enlightened Indian people.

A little more than a year ago he became interested with associates in buying lands in Oklahoma and so continued until his death, Wednesday, May 27, 1908.

So much for the bare outline of a life that has left its impress in the history and literature of a young commonwealth. Alex Posey has sung the beauty and glory of his Indian country in verse that will live as long as the name of Oklahoma shall endure on her monuments. He has woven the names of her

rivers, mountains, valleys and plains into song
and story which will inspire the young patriots of
other generations and brighten the pages of the
nations literature.