

Pension Matter

Mrs. John T Rhines, widow of
a Civil War Soldier -

#1 Gibson - Okla -
arrived her 8-23-25 - see copy
in files -

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John Ross, Principal Chief
of the Cherokee Nation for 40 yrs

was born Oct 3rd 1790 - died

Aug 1, 1866 - in the City of
Washington, D.C. -

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Thomas Pegg died Washington D.C.
April 22nd 1866 - a Delegate to
Washington D.C. also at that time
was an associate justice of the
Supreme Court of the Cherokee
Nation -

was Capt of Co. E. 3rd Regt
Indian Home Guards, war of
1861-6 -

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White-Catcher, late Capt of

Co. I 3rd Regt - Indian Home Guards
died at Pleasant Hill Mo.
Aug 17, 1866 - enroute from
from Washington D.C. as a
member of the Cherokee

Delegation - at that time he was a
member of the Cherokee Senate

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17- Oklahoma History

Q. Was Stand Watie, Cherokee
chieftain, a conspicuous figure in
the Civil war?

A. Yes. During the entire war
Stand Watie was one of the ablest
and most daring of all Confederate
officers. In the summer of 1864, by
a bold dash, he captured a great
wagon train from the north loaded
with supplies for Fort Gibson.

From this he fed and clothed his
hungry, ragged little army, and he
even sent some supplies to the ref-
ugees. During the entire war his
son, Saladin, served with him as one
of his most trusted officers, and al-
though a mere boy, he gained the
rank of captain before the war
closed.

Mrs. Watie and the younger
children, during the latter part of
the war, were refugees in Texas.
Stand Watie's brother-in-law, Col-
onel J. M. Bell, was one of his best
officers. His nephew, Elias Corn-
elius Boudinot, at first a major in
his uncle's regiment, resigned later
to serve as delegate from the
Cherokee Nation to the Confederate
congress at Richmond.

18- Oklahoma History

Q. What caused dissension in
the Creek and Seminole tribes
shortly after their removal from
the east to Oklahoma?

A. Trouble within the Creek and
Seminole tribes was very similar
to that which developed factional-
ism in the Cherokee tribe. Broad-
ly speaking, this friction arose
when later divisions of the same
particular tribe arrived from the
east and entered into spirited
competition with the earlier ar-
rivals for control.

In the Creek Nation the friends
and relatives of Colonel William
McIntosh formed one group.
Those who had disliked him and
opposed removal from the east
formed the other.

The Seminoles were also divided
owing to quarrels that had arisen
over removal. Of the Five Civil-
ized Tribes only the Choctaws
and Chickasaws seemed fairly
united. At this time the only
other Indians in Oklahoma, be-
side the tribes named, were small
bands, mostly Quapaws in the
northeastern part of the state, and
a few Wichitas, Kiowas and
Comanches, who occupied the
western part of the Laredo Dis-
trict.

The 2 above clippings from
the Daily News, were of the
17 & 18 of Sept - incomplete
as they are on Cherokee matters
got from the way of the Wind