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OBITUARY ON HULPUTTA MICCO

Hulputta Micco, chief of the Seminoles, died at his home near Mekusuky early yesterday morning. He has been in failing health for several months. Death resulted from a complication of diseases. The old Indian was over 70 years of age and unlike most Indians showed very plainly the weight of time. He was elected chief of the Seminoles some three years ago to succeed John F. Brown. Micco was a Christian, in fact a Baptist minister. He could not speak a word of English and held all his conferences through his secretary, a negro. Micco was elected by a faction of the Seminoles who can hardly be classed as the progressive element. He was not a man of executive ability, although at heart he seemed to want to do right. He was a veteran of the civil war, and if we mistake not, was in the federal army.

Unless the Seminole council orders an election

the second chief, Jacob Harrison, a man of negro blood, will assume control of the tribe. Micco was elected to serve until the dissolution of tribal government, March 4th, next. It is quite probable that a new election will be called.