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#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF SAMUEL CHECOTE

The subject of this sketch was born in the year 1819, in the Chattahoochee Valley, Alabama. When a young lad he came with his parents to the Indian Territory. They were among the first Creek people to leave their old home in the South, to dwell beyond the Mississippi River, in that land which the Great Father at Washington had promised "should be theirs so long as the grass grew and the rivers flowed."

Very little is known of his parents, only that they were full-blood Creeks, and while living in Alabama they had knowledge of the religious instruction and influence of the white missionaries, for as soon as the opportunity offered them in their new home they sent their son to a missionary school, near the town now called Eufaula. It was a Methodist missionary school named Asbury in honor of the first Methodist bishop in America.

As a young man, Checote came under the influence of that faithful pioneer of Methodism in the Indian Territory, Uncle