

Seminole Lighthorsemen.

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The Seminole Indians have no written history of their own. all information is given from father to son verbally. And so the Oklahoma Clan of the Seminoles say that the origin of the Lighthorsemen as a method of law enforcement date back to the Seminoles in the Everglades of Florida, long before Wildcat and "Abraham" led them over the "Trail of Tears" to ~~the~~ the "Territory West of the Mississippi", which eventually proved to be the "Pot of Gold at the end of the Rainbow" , for this struggling fighting, starving little band of Indians.

They were given this strip of land because it was of no value for agricultural purposes. The Creeks who were a bigger and stronger clan thought for years that they had done a grand business deal by this transaction. When, in fact they forced on the Seminoles the richest oilfields in the world. All of the Five civilized tribes have suffered but none more deeply than the Seminoles.

Up until the Civil War and the great Treaty of 1866 the Seminole had no government. The freeing of the slaves which made the negro a member of the Seminole Tribe of Indians convinced them that they must have a government.

The leaders of ~~both~~ both the Northern and Southern soldiers and ~~and~~ called a meeting formed a Council which made laws , also enforce them.

This Council had representation from the 14 bands of Seminoles, 12 Indian bands and two Negro bands.

Soon after the Government had been established and worked out

Wewoka was designated as the Capitol of the Seminole nation.
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There were no whippings after 1900, the white man came with his court came to the nation.

All who came over the "Trail of Tears" from Florida are gone.

Captian Lonnie---Dennis Cyrus---Unisi and Chilli Fish.~~maxx~~

Among all the Seminoles, none ever admitted to ~~maxx~~ have done an execution or a whipping, others had but not them.

however,
All admit, that their justice was just , sure and efficient.