

7. Thomas M Buffington served for about three weeks as Principal Chief following the death of Chief Mayes, until another Chief was elected. Then in 1899 he was elected to office and served until 1903. Again from 1917 until 1938 he was the recognized Chief of the Cherokees. His home was at Vinita and he is buried in Fairview Cemetery.
8. Col. Johnson Harris was elected Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation from 1891 until 1895. His home was on the west side of Grand River opposite the mouth of Spavinaw Creek. He is buried at Tahlequah.
9. Samuel H. Mayes was elected to the office of Chief in 1895 and served until 1899. His home was on the west side of Grand River just west of Salina. The monument to his memory is in the Pryor Cemetery.
10. William C. Rogers was the Principal Chief serving from 1903 until his death in 1917. His home was at Skiatook, and he is buried in historic Hillside Cemetery.
11. Jesse B. Milam was the appointed Chief from 1941 until his death in 1949. His home was at Claremore, and is buried at Chelsea.
12. William W. Keeler succeeded Chief Milam, is the present leader of the Cherokee Nation. His home is at Bartlesville.

Some of the homes of the Chiefs still stand, while the others have been removed in the wake of time and progress. A pictorial record is being prepared of these homes for historical purposes. The graves of each of the Principal Chiefs have been visited by the writer.

Of historical interest also concerns the ten or more of the Assistant Principal Chiefs of the Cherokee Nation since 1839. In general, very little is known by the majority of people of these men. A study of this matter is under way.

In the preservation of the Indian history there are many Indians who have been prominent in the past and did contribute much to the advancement of their race. Ministers, lawmen, doctors, governing officials, business men, and a host of others whose lives and contributions warrant recognition, and work is being done to bring information regarding these people to the younger generations.

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