

When the Shawnees were moved from Ohio and Michigan to what later became Kansas, the Bluejacket family was in the group and settled on lands between the Quaker and Shawnee Missions. The Indians came in 1832. Later, when the government extinguished the title of the tribe to ~~Indi~~ the reservation and moved the tribe to Indian Territory, each Indian family that desired to stay in Kansas was allotted two hundred acres of his choice. Bluejacket picked the two hundred acres on which he built his home about 1851. He set out a large orchard around his home, and until he moved to the Indian Territory the farm produced large quantities of fruits which were sold to the neighbors and to hucksters who picked the fruit and hauled it to Kansas City.

Chief Bluejacket married three times and was the father of twenty three children. The Kansas Historical society has a record of only a few of the children, as they scattered from the home in Kansas and in the Indian Territory long before any attempt was made to maintain the family records.

#### His Home A Showplace

The old Bluejacket home was long one of the showplaces in northern Johnson County. It was given top mention in the Atlas of Johnson County, published in 1874, when an artist made a sketch of the home among the trees of the great orchard which Bluejacket had set out. The atlas was compiled by E.F. Heisler, and others. In addition to the sketch of the old home and sketches of Bluejacket and his wife the atlas contained a long biographical account of the Indian chieftan, interpreter and preacher.

W. C. Bluejacket, also bearing the name of Charles, is the successful owner and operator of a plumbing, heating and household appliance establishment at Hermosa Beach, California and has lived here many years. He told Mr. Mecnem that if the effort at preserving the old house was successful, he felt sure that a large quantity of family relics, many dating back to the early days of the tribes here in Kansas, would be available for preservation in the old home.

John B. Gage, former mayor of Kansas City owns a milking shorthorn farm near Eudora, Kans. containing Bluejacket Ford across the Wakarusa River which the Indians used on their travels to and from Ft. Leavenworth.