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DAVID LEWIS, CREEK

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(I interview David Lewis. He is Creek Indian. He lives west of Eufaula. He talked about clans. He talked a lot about medicine, Indian medicine. He is an Indian doctor.)

You are a beaver, Alligator, beaver and birds decided to be friends and that's why we follow our mothers. There were some "turkeys" too named after wild turkeys. Same clan use to wouldn't marry each others but now they do. I am Eufaula. My Dad was one. My mother was Pon con ta la hasee and so I am that too. Tuarsary and Alabama are the same but they are all scattered out. There are some Creeks in Mississippi that talks our language. There are some colored too but they are not Indians. They just like to get in on some money.

(Change subject.)

Indians use to bury their dead in just fitted right grave. One time there a woman that was sick and she kept looking for something so they asked her what she was looking for. She told them she had a spoon but it was lost and she wanted it back. So they helped her look for it. Finally they found it and not long after that they thought she'd get alright but instead she died. So that's why they put a quilt on a casket when they bury the dead so she can rest warm and in peace.

Long ago Indians use to wait four days before they bury the dead because if one was witch craft, it (he or she) came back alive on fourth day. But