

The original people of the Creek town of Tukabatchee may have been Shawnees. Tukabatchee was one of the four "foundation sticks" of the Creek Confederacy. It was one of the leading towns of the whole Creek nation. In later historic times it was the most populous of all the upper towns. Like other head towns, it had a special ceremonial title--Spokogi, or Ispokogi. The name of this town is thus the name of one of the five divisions of the Shawnees. In Oklahoma the Tukabatchee Creeks established their Square Ground near the Melette post office, but later moved it to Yeager, north of Holdenville. Tecumseh belonged to the Kishpogotha, but in spite of this, the Tukabatchee Creeks were one of the Creek towns which refused to ally themselves with him in later years.