Sos Foreman, Cherokee

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Sos Foreman was born in western Coo-wee-scoo-wee District near the community of Bushyhead. This community is now a part of northern Rogers County. He is the son of George E. Foreman, an early day Cherokee pioneer and farmer. Mr. Foreman has spent all of his life in northern Rogers County, and is now retired. He lived on a small acreage in Bushyhead. He recalls, as a boy, when cultivation farming was the livelihood of Bushyhead community. Much corn, wheat, oats and other grains were grown on the rich prairie land. In those days there were no trees except along the creeks and rivers, or those transplanted around houses. Nowdays trees have formed large wooded areas across the prairies. Cattle raising was also an important part of the area livelihood. His father was a cattle buyer at one time for a cattle company and would travel as far south as Texas on buying trips. Sos remembers a time in 1908 when his father and drovers were bring a herd of a thousand cattle from Texas. Word was sent home for Sos to bring four fresh saddle horses from Bushyhead to Grand River near Chouteau to meet his father. This was nearly a fifty mile trip in cold wet winter weather. Sos Foreman was a farmer and stockman and followed this work all of his life. He was also an expe t horseman, and participated in rodeos as a young man. He was also known throughout the country as one of the best horse breakers. Today the town of Bushyhead has one small country store and some ten dwellings. Bushyhead Rublic School was closed last year by the State, and the children now are taken by bus to Chelsea. Contrasted with Bushyhead, Indian Territory, of 1902, it is far removed. There is no farming to be een, while pastures and cattle cover most of the area. For miles west