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JACK BROWN, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: BROWN FAMILY HISTORY; MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS ESTABLISHED
BY FAMILY; MISCELLANEOUS STORIES AND EVENTS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Jack Brown was born near Marble City, Indian Territory on May 3, 1887. His father was John L. Brown, three-fourths Cherokee and his mother was Salley (Mackey) Brown, one-eighth Cherokee. He started to school when he was six years of age to the Jay school which was an all Cherokee school where everyone spoke Cherokee. His father and brothers spoke Cherokee, but he was more familiar with English. After one half day of school, he decided if they didn't talk his way, he would go home, but started again when he was seven at Mackey Switch school while living with an aunt. At twelve years of age he moved to Webbers Falls and later Sallisaw. He lived with his parents on a farm and his father was also a member of the Cherokee tribal police force. In 1901 Jack entered the Male Seminary and graduated from that school and received a teaching certificate. In June, 1916 he married Nola LeFlore, who was the granddaughter of Chief Greenwood LeFlore--Choctaw Chief. He has taught school in many different places including, Male Seminary, Nuyaka Boarding School, Euchee school at Sapulpa and in 1924 began his long service at Sequoyah Training school at Tahlequah. He retired in 1956 after 32 continuous years of teaching.

Note: Parts of this tape are inaudible and are summarized by interviewer, Mr. Dennis Cooper.