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JOHN J. PATRICK

Son of Joshua Kilpatrick and wife Eliza.

Was born in Indian Territory in 1842, four years after the parents emigrated West to the Indian Territory. Later he dropped the first part of his name and was afterward known as John Patrick. He said that the original name was much too long for common use.

He was married to Miss Minerva Lillard. They located in Illinois District. After her death he was married to Miss Almira Fields. They reared a large family.

He built and operated a general merchandise store on the Arkansas River, twelve miles East of Mustogee for a number of years; in connection with his other business he operated a ferry across the Arkansas that later became known as the Smith Ferry. A postoffice was established here, known as Patrick where the mail was received ^{a week} three times brought by a man on horseback from Mustogee. With the coming of the Iron Mountain Railroad through Braggs he moved his store to Braggs where he continued in business until shortly before his death in 1927.

In connection with other things he owned the first cotton gin in that section of the country. Being successful in all business enterprises he was able to render to valuable assistance to those less fortunate. His heart and hand ~~was~~ always open to calls from the needy.

At his death, the entire community grieved for a true friend. He is buried in the cemetery at Braggs.

S. Mrs. Nannie Pierce-daughter of John J. Patrick.