

PITCHLYNN, EVERETT

INTERVIEW

7687

Lula Austin,
Interviewer
September 29, 1937.

An Interview with Everett Pitchlynn
Caddo, Oklahoma.

I was in Hartford, Connecticut, when the papers announced the time for allotting land in Oklahoma. My sister, Sophie, came to Hartford, and told me that I had better come down and see about filing for herself and our brother, Lee.

I came to the Territory, and some of the men said, "Well, you can't do that." I said I believed I could.

I went to Atoka, and Governor Green McCurtain was there. I asked to see him and was shown into his room. He was very drunk. I stated what I wanted, telling him I was Peter Pitchlynn's son. He sent for Solomon Homer and told him to enroll us. He did.

My father, Peter Pitchlynn, died about two weeks before he was to receive his share of the Net proceeds money, which was \$130,000.00.

A Mr. Temple and Henry McKee, a typist, were sent to our home to pay the money to my mother. Mother sent me to their room with a bucket of Pashofa. I knocked

PITCHLYNE, EVERETT.

INTERVIEW

7687

several times and a woman in the adjoining room told me they had left with their baggage. They had with them \$300,000.00 of the Choctaw money. They were never found.

Campbell LeFlore and other delegates were sent to Washington to get the money to be distributed among the Choctaws. On his return he demanded from each Indian ten percent of their share. Some of them paid, and others refused.