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An Interview with Thomas S. Heard,
Kiowa, Oklahoma
Given to Charline M. Culbertson

Thomas S. Heard of Kiowa, Oklahoma, was born April 14, 1860, at Denton, Illinois. Father was W. B. Heard and mother was Fannie Heard, they did not live in Oklahoma.

After being married in Missouri, Mr. Heard then moved to Indian Territory in 1886. His purpose was to farm and hunt and make hay; however, there was very little farming being done at that time. Few vegetables and corn which they could eat. Mr. Heard located on Chunn Creek which is near Savanna. He states there were no neighbors near them and their closest friends lived near Stuart, some thirty miles away.

Mr. Heard states he worked for sometime for Judge George Bond who lived near what is now Celestine and who owned one of the first oat binders in this part of the country.

"PASHOFA DANCE"

Mr. Heard attended a Pashofa dance near Cole Creek which is about nine miles north of McAlester.

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The woman, whose name he has forgotten, was a very sick lady but he says she was smiling when they left and lived for many years after that. The medicine which was used was made of herbs and was made into a tea. A big pot of Pashofa was enjoyed by all.