

Field Worker: Joe Southern 5479
April 21, 1937

Interview with J. M. McBride (White)
Age 57 years
Atoka, Oklahoma.

J. M. McBride was born July 19, 1880, in Atoka, Indian Territory, and went to school at Indian Baptist Academy, then located in Atoka, I. T., but not in existence since about 1900.

John A. Dilon established the first livery barn in Atoka, I. T., then sold to Ed Curry, then to my father, W. A. McBride, and others. This business has been abandoned since 1893.

Jim Davis established the first toll bridge across Muddy Boggy River on the old stage line from Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to Old Boggy Depot, I. T. The location of this bridge then was SE-SE-NE-NE-SW-of Sec. 11, T. 2 S-R. 11- E. He sold to J. J. McAlester, then to D. M. Robb. The bridge was destroyed and a new one built by Mr. Robb down stream about 250 yards. This bridge is now owned by Atoka County, Oklahoma.

Jim Davis also built a small store northeast of the bridge, about 400 yards, near Harkins Springs, in the same section with the bridge that was abandoned.

The first drug store was established by Dr. J. W. Folsom, Choctaw Indian. Later, he sold to Charles Lankford, who sold to J. D. Lankford, then to Leon Officer. This drug store was abandoned in 1897.

Dr. Band, the first medical doctor, was a white man.
