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Information about Governor Cyrus  
Harris, given by Joe Potts,  
Durant, Oklahoma.

The Mother and grandmother of Governor Cyrus Harris were of the house of Inchus-sha-wah-ya. He was born close to Pontotoc in Mississippi, on the 22nd of August, 1817.

In 1837 he left the old state, and arrived at Skullyville, Choctaw Nation; later with several other families he journeyed to Blue Creek in the Chickasaw Nation, cutting out a road for their travel as they went. At the age of twenty-one he began dabbling in politics and in 1850 went to Washington as a delegate on the adoption of the constitution. In 1856 he was elected first Governor of the Chickasaw Nation by a majority of one vote.

The mother of Governor Cyrus Harris was a half-sister of Joe Potts' mother. Governor Harris' first wife was Nancy Thomas and his second wife was Hattie Frazier, widow of Jackson Frazier. He had five children

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by his first wife; Ben, Mandy, Mellisia, Minnie and Lucy. James (JIM) and Tipton by his second wife. Mr. Potts thinks all the Harris children are dead except Tipton, who was living near Sulphur the last time he heard from him. James was permit collector during the Wolf Administration in 1884. Minnie Harris married John Henry Kenney. James married Tennie Brown, daughter of Governor Brown. Tipton married Birdee Hele, daughter of W. Hele of Louisville, Kentucky.