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An Interview with A. M. Seran  
Wewoka, Oklahoma.

A. M. Seran (white), Wewoka, Oklahoma, was born in the state of Kansas; came to the Indian Territory in 1891, to the city of Tulsa where he worked on the ranch of Chief Perryman of the Creek Indians. He came to Wewoka in 1894 when there was only one store in Wewoka and it was known as the Wewoka Trading Post, being owned and operated by Gov. John F. and Jackson Brown. He worked for Gov. Brown from 1898 until his death in 1915.

Wewoka was among the first towns in Indian Territory, it being incorporated in 1902.

Mr. Seran saw two Indian women punished by the whipping lash on the bare back. They were found guilty of fornication. He has also seen one woman with her ear cut off. If they were caught with a married man or woman they would cut one ear off the woman and both ears off the man. This would be punishment for the third offense or crime.

Mr. Seran sawed the old tree that was used by the Seminole Indians for executions. It was dug up and thrown into the alley. He had it put in a

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store room and in 1903 it was sent to St. Louis, Mo., to the World's Fair. The stone that was used for the prisoners to sit on was also sent but it was never returned. He said he guessed people just chipped it up for souvenirs.

David Francis was President of the Fair board and Elliott was Governor of Missouri. The tree was sent back and is now in the Historical Building, Oklahoma City. He saw the last man executed at this tree.

First postmaster in Wewoka was E. J. Brown, a white man. He married an Indian girl and was the father of Harry Brown.

Mr. Seran now owns and works in a hardware store in Wewoka, Oklahoma.