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Interview with George McGregor  
116 Choctaw St.  
Tahlequah

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George Mc Gregor born May 21, 1866--Mt. Vernon, Ill. Came to Oklahoma 1874, stopped at Tahlequah, I. T. Father A. H. Mc Gregor born 1833, died 1900--67. Mother Maggie Blair McGregor, Mansfield, Ohio--date unknown.

My first school after coming to Oklahoma was at the Public school at the J. W. Duncan place. Miss Lila Ross was my teacher. Later I attended the Baptist Mission, A. C. Bacone was my teacher. We had our commencement exercises at Rockfeller Hall in Muskogee. My school mates were Dr. Joe Thompson, Bob Thompson, Adam Lacey.

I served as U. S. Marshall under Leo Bennett of Muskogee 1900-04 and was constable. My father A. H. McGregor worked at the brick yard spring where the state park is now. They made the brick there. There was a planing mill there owned by a man named Leasure. My father helped get out the material for the two seminaries and insane asylum. Made the brick, quarried the rock near Tahlequah. The timber was gotten out of the hills northeast of Tahlequah. They brought the rough lumber in. Father dried it and planed it, worked it up into window facings and doors. Father was a carpenter and worked on both the seminaries. He did the finishing work. M. G. Reagon helped father on the three buildings also Jerry Springston worked too. I, George McGregor, drove the team and hauled brick to the two seminaries and orphan asylum. They molded the brick and layed them out to dry then browned them in the kiln. One day a pig walked on a brick and left two tracks, I saw it years afterwards when the male seminary burned. I was out there, I found the very same brick with the pig track. I now have it in my possession.

I hauled freight from Muskogee with an ox team when there was only

our stores in Muskogee. I hauled hay from Clarence Turner's ranch to Ft. 246  
sold it to the Fort to feed the mules on. I had to ferry the load  
across Grand river at the Nivens ferry. One winter we crossed the river  
on ice. Later they cut a channel for the ferry boat.

There were several regemints of soldiers at Ft. Gibson about 1882,  
I have the following pictures:

1. W. F. Rosmus-1904- W. M. Ballantine was in the office with Rosmus.
2. Picture of the first public school, erected in Tahlequah. I am in the group. Elinor Meigs was the teacher.
3. Picture of capitol. A. H. Mc Gregor and Henry Coval in front.
4. Picture of natrual chimney at Park Hill.
5. Picture of male seminary. Morra Rosmus, Nannie McNair, George Mc-Gregor on horses.
6. Picture of female seminary. A group of young ladies including Mrs. J. A. Lawrence.
7. Picture of a picnic party on Illinois river near 62 highway bridge. Bill, Thompson, W. W. Hastings, Geo. Mc Gregor.
8. Picture of Chief Rogers delivering his message. Henry Coval, interpreter.
9. Picture of the inside of Richards & McSpadden store.
10. Indian Sentinel Paper, dated 1893.
11. Has part of the stair case from the National Hotel.
12. Has thepiece of the wing of the first airplane that flew over Tahlequah and crashed southeast of town.