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Journey to Oklahoma
Citizenship--Cherokee

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Field Worker

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James P. Sneed was born in Brass Town, Georgia, September 7, 1860. His parents names were Arch (Mary) (Nee Bly) Sneed. Mr. Sneed was Cherokee Indian. They had no ancestors living in Oklahoma. Mr. Sneed was a farmer. His father was too old to take part in the war.

INTERVIEW

I came to the Cherokee Nation February 17, 1891. I came on the emigrant car. C. H., or Campbell Taylor, was the sponser. There were twenty-two of us come on the emigrant car.

I come here from Murphy, N. C., and married down there. My wife's name was Dora Plemons. I run a livery stable in Cherokee Co., N. C., Murphy was the town. Mr. Campbell Taylor came out there and talked us in to coming out the Cherokee Nation. I did not want to come, but Mr. Taylor told me I could get my allotment if I would come, but when I got here I was too late - I did not get any land, and I am one-fourth Cherokee. My mother was a half breed.

The principal teams in N.C. when I left there, were Ox teams. They plowed with a Georgia turning plow, they were reversible, made to plow hill sides. They used sleds to gather corn in the hill sides which were too steep for a wagon.

Signed: James P. Sneed
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