

McINTOSH, GEORGE INTERVIEW Form A-(S-149)
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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Carl R. Sherwood

This report made on (date) May 21 1937

1. Name George McIntosh, Creek freedman

2. Post Office Address Muskogee, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) Katy Avenue

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month Unknown Day Year 1870

5. Place of birth Near Creek Agency, Fern Mountain, Creek Nation

6. Name of Father Tobe McIntosh Place of birth Alabama

Other information about father Slave, owned by John McIntosh

7. Name of Mother Tama Johnson McIntosh Place of birth Unknown

Other information about mother She was a Catawba Indian, married to

Tobe McIntosh at the Creek Agency after the slaves were made free.

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached .

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Interview with George McIntosh
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Tobe McIntosh, father of George McIntosh, Creek freed-man, was born in Alabama. George's mother was Tama McIntosh of Alabama. She came here with John McIntosh.

My father, Tobe McIntosh, after his freedom located at Fort Gibson. He opened a store for the Indians, and was a Creek teamster.

We received our food from steamboats. Flour and sugar came in barrels, and all rations for the Creek Indians were unloaded at Fort Gibson. They were distributed by oxen to Okmulgee, and other stockades west.

Buz Hawkins, Jim Cherry, Jackson Deadwood, Joe McIntosh, Jimmie Tom, Jake Brown and John Adams were the men who drove the ox wagon trains for the Government. Tobe McIntosh was head teamster for the Government.

Tobe McIntosh bought all of George Stidham's cattle and horses; and all his vacant land. He settled all his relatives on it. At that time this land was called the old agency town and

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was located north of where the Government hospital stands today at Muskogee. Settlers of the old town were Joe Sy Fisher, John Bemo, Douglas Bemo, son of John Bemo, a Baptist preacher.

John Buck was one of the leading citizens of this little village, and was well liked by all who knew him.

The old agency school's first teacher was Laura Hitchcock (white). Miss Bemo (white) also taught the white children. Colored teachers were Ellen Rentie and Devina Sango. A Mr. Howard, a white man, also taught here. The school was located in the center of the town.

The first payment we had was \$4.00 per capita. This was called bread money and was paid at Okmulgee. The next payment was \$29.00 and was also paid at Okmulgee. The last payment was \$14.50. Colonel Tuff was the first agent. Leo Bennet was our last agent out on the hill, and since that time, the Creek Nation bought the old stone building from the Government and used it for a Creek orphans' home for a time. George McIntosh served four years at the orphans' home as mission teamster under Joe Howard, superintendent of the home. After Joe Howard re-

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signed George Taylor was superintendent, then Nick Perryman and after Nick resigned the home was sold to the city of Muskogee.

George McIntosh born in 1870, was married to Sara Sango and to this union were born three girls and four boys.