

STAKES, DICEY INTL. VIEW.

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INTERVIEW WITH DICEY STAKES  
Okmulgee, Oklahoma

OLD INDIAN GRAVES OF INTEREST

Mrs. Dacey Stakes was born at Hitchita, Oklahoma, in McIntosh County, in the year of 1880, and now lives one mile and a half south of Okmulgee on the Highway 75. She is a full-blood Creek Indian and fifty-seven years old, of Cussetah Tvlw. Her father, Bunny Scott, age unknown. Her mother, Sally Sone, died recently, age ninety-six. Grandfather, Thomas Harjo Kocuknocee (Shorty), age unknown. Grandmother's name was Sufeeke, age unknown, of Cussetah Tvlw. (Town).

Mrs. Stakes is not very old but can tell many interesting things of interest. She told me of the Indian graves and their location. One of these old graves is located right in the heart of the city of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the southwest corner of the block of Porter Street, between Sixth and Seventh Streets, on which the Buchanan Funeral Home is located. There are great numbers of Indians buried there. All the signs of markers or graves have disappeared. Only

one grave had bunch of rocks around it as marker which was removed recently. Another Indian grave is located between Second, Third and Seventh Streets. Many Indians are buried there but have no markers, only rocks piled around graves. There are many markers but of later or more recent graves. Although the graveyard is in town, it is neglected, and in bad condition. These two graves I have mentioned are the graves where many Indians killed by the law or shot are buried.

#### INDIAN MISSIONS

Mrs. Stakes recalled the names of the Indian Missions but most of these she named I have already made reports on, so I will not name them. She said many Indians from Okmulgee, Oklahoma, were sent to school at Wewoka, Oklahoma. An Indian school was located just a short distance southeast of Wewoka by the name of Mv'haky Cuko, which means school house in Creek Language. It is still there although it has been abandoned or condemned. She mentioned two others, which are not very old, but quite old, Chilocco Indian School, which is located northwest part of Oklahoma, a little over a mile from Arkansas line. Euchee Boarding School is located at east part of town of Sapulpa, Oklahoma.