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BIOGRAPHY OF SAMUEL J. LOGAN
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Samuel J. Logan, full-blood Creek Indian, was born in 1850, about eight miles southwest of where Checotah is today. His wife, Sallie Logan, was also a full-blood Creek Indian, whose maiden name was Sallie Walker. Mrs. Logan came from an old Creek family that emigrated from Alabama. Mr. Logan was a successful farmer and stockman. Samuel J. Logan spent four years from 1873 to 1877 in the Asbury Manual School of Mufaula, and during 1878 and 1879 attended a college in LeGrange, Missouri. In 1881-1882 he taught school near his home, after passing the examination held by the board of instruction. From 1883 to 1885 Mr. Logan worked in the store of Henry Fisher of old Fishertown which was about eight miles south of Checotah. After Mr. Logan's first marriage he again engaged in teaching school and while thus employed his wife died. Some time later he married her sister, Mary H. Walker, and then engaged in farming on the North Fork of the Canadian River where he lived for many years. He had several hundred acres of good bottom land which was in cotton and corn. The fields at that time were fenced to keep cattle and hogs from

the free range from destroying their crops. Thousands of hogs ran loose in the Canadian River bottoms and stayed fat through the entire winter on pecans, acorns, hickory nuts and wild plums.

In 1901 Mr. Logan was a member of the House of Kings of the Creek Nation. He maintained his office though the business of the House had greatly diminished since statehood. The House enacted laws for the Nation, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or the President of the United States. To the Creek Nation this answered the same purpose as the United States Senate does to the United States, and election

to the House was one of the highest honors that could be bestowed upon any individual. Most of the members were full-blood Creeks, though there were a few who were of mixed blood. The members were elected for four years and Mr. Logan served three terms. Mr. Logan was one of the most successful Indian farmers in what is now McIntosh County and he took a great interest in the growth of his country. He always had a herd of the small type Indian ponies which ranged between Brushy

Mountain and old mitchita. He also had a herd of native cattle. Mrs. Logan was a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Logan was not an active member of the church although his mother was a life-long member. Soon after coming to the Indian Territory she greatly offended some of the Creeks by her close adherence to the Faith. At one time she was severely whipped by a community and a Chief of the Creeks, because at that time the Creeks objected to the Missionary work of the Churches. She never wavered in her allegiance to the religion of her Faith, and always ~~did what she could for the Cause.~~

By his first marriage Mr. Logan had but one daughter, Bessie M., and by his second marriage had no children at all.

Mr. Logan had several hundred acres of Deep Fork bottom under fence which was planted in cotton and corn. He also fenced^a large tract of prairie land which he leased to Texas cattlemen for pasture.

Mr. Logan died about 1910 and was buried in the Brushy Mountain Cemetery.