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Interview With Minco Harjo  
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My great-grandfather on my father's side was named Hotulke Emarthla, the second Chief of the Creek Nation, born two years after the Red Stick War. My father was General Bullett in the aboriginal language "Theo'vam Harjo" of the Okchaye Town. My mother was Semarharke.

Hotulke Emarthla and his people belonged to the anti-McIntosh party, remaining in Alabama from 1833 to 1836. He entered into public life five years after coming to the Indian Territory in 1841, and was from then on a lawmaker during the old Constitution<sup>and</sup> after the establishment of the present Constitution. From 1867 to 1887 he was a member of the house of Kings and later was second Chief.

During the Civil War Hotulke Emarthla served as a lieutenant in the Confederate Army under General Cooper. General Cooper's Confederate Indians were ordered to be at

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Maysville and prepare to make a raid in Southern Kansas. In compliance with his instructions the General marched from Elk Horn to Bentonville and halted four or five hours for his troops and trains to close up and then made a night march and struck the Union forces the next morning at daylight at old Fort Wayne, about three miles southwest of Maysville and, after a battle of half an hour, routed them, capturing all their artillery, four guns and most of the camp with a great Federal loss.

After the War he devoted his attention to farming and stock raising in the Deep Fork District. He belonged to the Bear Clan and was not a member of any church or secret society; he had a family of three children, Wiley Becknor, Marcia and Ida.

Hotulke Emarthla was a kind, good man and beloved by his people.