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Interview with F. X. Suess of
Eufaula, Oklahoma. German Descent.

I am a native born German. My wife and I came to the Territory in the year 1888. I worked in territorial days as a contractor and builder. I was foreman over several buildings of different kinds including Indian schools and Indian orphan homes. I was foreman in the building of the Mesukey Orphan Home in the Seminole Nation in the year of 1890.

We built the Okmulgee Orphans Home in 1891. The Wealaka (Peach Creek) was built in 1892, also the Eufaula Boarding School. The main brick building was put up then.

~~My wife and I lived in a tent to build all~~
those buildings as there were such a few houses then.

The brick to build the Eufaula School were made here near Eufaula in 1893. I was foreman on the first court house built in Eufaula. It was a one-room plank building that later burned down and

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was replaced with a brick.

My wife and I moved into a house of seven rooms, that had been built near the Katy Depot, and there we kept boarders for some years.

Being on the Kansas and Texas Trail, we sheltered quite a lot of cattlemen going through with cattle; and during the Crazy Snake Uprising, we kept the U. S. Officers and soldiers.

Crazy Snake was not a bad man if he had been let alone. I was the first undertaker in Eufaula and was for years. I have buried a lot of old time people. Missionaries and ministers who died in the Territory and who had spent so much of their life trying to build up Oklahoma into a civilized country.
