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Interview with Louis James, Jr.
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Holdenville.

I was born in the Choctaw Nation, near Old Fort Mayhew on Clear Boggy, now Boswell, in 1871. My father was Louis James, Sr., and my mother was Minnie James.

Father was brought from Mississippi as a slave by Racon Jones, a full blood Choctaw Indian, soon after the Dancing Rabbit Treaty in Mississippi. They came to the Indian Territory and located in the Choctaw Nation near Doakesville on Little River, near Fort Towson.

Mother came from South Carolina and was owned by John Littlejohn, who first located in Texas, then after the Civil War Mother's family moved to the Indian Territory, Choctaw Nation.

Matoy was the oldest trading post on Clear Boggy and was ten miles west of Fort Mayhew.

W. N. Jones was Governor of the Choctaw Nation at that time. Governor Jones owned lots of land and

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I worked for him on the farm. Governor Jones was a great leader and worker for his tribesmen.

At the time of the enrollment of the Choctaws our family lived eighteen miles from Blue Branch. We were camped a week at Armstrong Academy before the family was enrolled as there were seven children and Father and Mother. There were a large number of Indians and Freedmen camped there during allotment.

The Choctaw tribal laws were the same as those of Creeks and Seminoles. I witnessed several whippings and could have seen men executed but did not care to.