

TEEL, LAFAYETTE.

INTERVIEW.

Interview with Lafayette Teel

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"My grandfathr , Charles Fleetwood, was an overseer when the original stone buildings were built at Fort Gibson. He was connected with the United States Army at that time, was a Captain. I have a son-in-law by the name of Boone Meggs, whose father, is now at Park Hill. He would be able to give a lot of information. My son-in-law lives at Tahlequah.

SECRET INDIAN SOCIETY

There was a secret society, among the Indians after the Civil War, known as the Ke-to-wakee. Their principal work was to fight statehood, but they did quite a bit of night riding, and some mischief. Their main leader was Jogy Saunders. They were causing the government a lot of trouble and various things were done to subdue them, except actual force, so finally, they (the government men, Army officials) persuaded Saunders to go with them to Washington and he consented to go. They thought this trip would impress him with the strength of the White Man and to see the Great White Father. So the trip was a success for Saunders could see it was useless to resist the white man, so he came back and told his people it was useless to fight so this ended the efforts of the Ke-to-wakee society to resist

more to statehood.

FARMING

My father was a farmer. He raised lots of hogs, more enough to supply his own needs, and sold the surplus to his neighbors. Kept lots of cows, raised sorghum cane and made sorghum molasses. In fact, he raised practically everything he needed and more, selling the surplus. But this was not the case with a lot of his neighbors. They, the majority of them, were shiftless, poor providers and dependent on others for their support. All could have done well, for the soil and seasons were favorable, so about all needed was an effort, but this was not put forth.