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An Interview with Edmond Riley,  
(Cherokee)

Old Indian Spinning and Weaving.

Mrs. Pruca Rolland was born in the Cherokee Nation many years before the Civil War. She was grown and married before the Civil War. She was married into the Euchee tribe. Her mother was a full blood Cherokee and was one hundred and twenty years old when she died. She was one of the old timers in the loom work, in making cloth. Her daughter, Pruca Rolland, was raised up making cloth. She just died six years ago at the age of ninety five.

She used to tell the story about raising cotton. She used to gin the seed out of the cotton with a home made cotton gin. She would spin the cotton on the home-made spinning wheel, and after the thread was spun, she would weave it on a home-made loom and make material for different kinds of clothing. She corded the cotton on hand cords. They raised sheep and corded the wool on cards for woollen material. She knitted cotton socks out of cotton for different people.

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Interview with Edmond Riley, an old Cherokee.  
10 miles east of Mounds, Oklahoma.

### Salt Spring and Salt Works.

Mr. Edmond Riley says in early times there were some springs in the eastern part of Oklahoma, in the Cherokee Nation. These salt springs were near a little town by the name of Maysville. The Indians used to go to these salt springs and get the salt water to make salt for there was no other kind of salt in early times. They would put the salt water in a big pot and boil it until the moisture was all out of it and it was in the form of salt. This salt would be in hard chunks and they would beat it with a hammer to a fine grade and then it was ready for use.

It would take them a day and a half to make the salt. The Indians used to make the salt and sell it until the Government stopped them.