

ROBERTS, WILLIA

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LEGEND & STORY FORM

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Indian-Pioneer/History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name _____

This report made on (date) _____ 193_____

1. This legend was secured from (name) _____

Address _____

This person is (male or female) white, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe _____

2. Origin and history of legend or story _____

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible.. Use blank sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached _____

TWO SHORT LEADS

An interview with Willia Roberts,
age 31, Muscogee Town (Tulua), 15
miles northeast of Okemah, Okla.

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These two short legends regarding mythical
the entity character have been told in differ-
ent ways, that is, the stories of the "chosa" are
many. No one of the Muscogee-Creek tribe (Tulua)
seems to really know in what form the "chosa" was.

The "chosa" was feared just as it threw scores
into people and other animals.

Once there was a hunter out hunting and he
noticed that a heavy shower was coming up in the dis-
tance towards the direction in which he was to go.
The hunter began to look around for shelter to keep
from getting wet. He came to a hollow tree which was
large enough for two men to walk in and stand in it.
The hunter went into the large hollow tree until the
shower passed.

The hunter looked towards the shower and saw
a form just at the head of the shower. It was the

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"ehosa". It was running and seemed to be looking for some shelter.

The "ehosa" came to the hollow tree where the hunter was. The "ehosa" entered the hollow tree and took his place beside the man, without noticing the man. After a while, the "ehosa" glanced down to his feet and saw another pair of feet. He slowly began his gaze from the other pair of feet until his gaze was even with the face of the hunter. Upon seeing the face of the hunter, the "ehosa", regardless of the shower, darted out of the hollow tree and disappeared into the woods and the heavy shower.

There are many other beings that live in the trees and woods and as told by the older people, they are called "little people" (este loachree in the Mistakee-gree. to. me). The coon was to these little people what the dog is to man. It was believed that if a person was not bewitched by these little people, a person did not have the power to see them. Also, these little people hated and dreaded the "ehosa".

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The "hoss" made me to forget and I laid all
sorts of things on the ground.

Once there was a hunter that became lost
in the woods. He tried his best to find his way
out of the woods. He finally came to a place sitting
up in a tree.

The hunter told me the number of the tree and he
was lost and he could not find his way out of the woods. He was pointed in a certain
direction. The hunter went in that direction and
found his way led him to a place under the tree.

The hunter did not ask for the direction, and the man
did not see any different direction. As before,

the hunter told me that his way led him on to the man

under the tree. The hunter tried to get this hunter

out of the woods. When the hunter came upon the man

under the tree, the last ^{times} the hunter never spoke a
word.

Before anything could be said, a distant sound

as of several dogs barking was heard. The sounds

seemed to be coming nearer and nearer, and at last,

the "hoss" stood up and began to run very fast

in a direction away from the barking sounds.

The hunter just stood in the same spot

where he had stopped so that he could see

what the noise was all about. When the noisy

party came into view, the hunter saw that it

was some of the little people with coons as

their dogs who were on the trail of the "ehosa".

The hunter told the little people the

direction in which the "ehosa" had gone. The

little people told the hunter the best way out

of the woods and proceeded on the trail of the

"ehosa".