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Joe Robinson
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Joe Robinson born Dec. 6, 1890, Braggs, Indian Territory. Father Pleas. P. Robinson, born Sept. 18, 1859 in North Dakota. Mother's name, Henryetta Meeker, born 1870 at Braggs. Father was 3/8 Sioux Indian, mother was Cherokee. Grandfather, John Meeker, born at Braggs, date unknown. My grandfather served as Judge at the Garfield courthouse, Illinois district. He was also interpreter and guard during the strip payment. He served in the Union Army and was wounded during the Civil War. Great-grandmother's name was Lucy Starr, she came over the trail of tears. She was a year old, 1838. They landed at Ft. Smith, Ark. She said the able bodied were walked. The old women and children rode in the wagon. She said hundreds died and was buried by the side of the road. Lots of them starved to death on the way. After grandmother's family got to Indian Territory, they settled on Green Leaf Creek, near Braggs in 1839. She is buried in the old Lucy Wiggins cemetery, just inside the Cherokee county line, 5 miles, east, 1 mile, north of Braggs. The cemetery is named after my great-grandmother, Lucy Wiggins.

My first school was at Mt. Zion near Braggs. Next at Vinita 1896-1904. Then I attended the Cherokee Male Seminary, finished in 1909. Attended C. M. Neal, business college 308 So. 6th street, Ft. Smith, Ark. took Bookkeeping, banking, shorthand, I entered the Bank of Braggs for one year. I then took up baseball profession 1910 as a try out and went to San Francisco, California. I played professional baseball twenty-one years. I went over to the Island of Oahu in Honolulu. I served as wireless operator and played ball. Came back to U. S., played ball until 1932. I served in the World War. I was manager of the baseball squad at Cgelthorp, Ga., later I served as mess Sargent at Hospital No. 10 at Boston, Mass.