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An Interview with Barney C. Robinson, Lamar, Oklahoma
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I was born near Okemah in the Creek Nation, October 10, 1870. My father was Colonel Wm. Robinson and my mother was Cherokee Robinson.

Father served in the Civil War with the Southern Armies in the Creek Nation. He was a Captain under Colonel Jumper. Father also served as president of the Wetunka Mission School ten years. He served several years as Captain of Police at Muskogee in the early days when Muskogee was a small town, and was Towa King of the Talop Talocco band. He was Captain in the Isparhechar uprising and at that time sent Moti Tiger on a scout to see what Isparhechar and his band were doing. His orders were to return and report what this band was doing. Instead, Tiger wanted to be smart, so he made an attack on some of Isparhechar's men, but fortunately no one was killed. Our family as well as all others were afraid of the Isparhechar men so one night the news reached us that the Isparhechar band was near. We quickly started to hide, first hiding in the hay loft. A young man told us we would soon be found there as the men

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would feed their horses and would find us when they got the hay down. We then went to the creek where we hid out all night.

When Isparhechar was captured he was paraded down Main Street of Henryetta.

Mail was brought by hack or horseback from Eufaula to Wetumka, Holdenville, Sasakwa, Sacred Heart and Wewoka. Tom Seales had a store at Wetumka. Chief John Brown and Jackson Brown owned the Wewoka gin and trading post.

I have lived in the same place for the past forty-four years. When I was married I moved to this home and we raised our family in this home.