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Interview with  
RICHARD ADKINS. (*Creek-Uchee Indian*)

Born, February 5, 1852, near Fort Gibson. His family traded at Fort Gibson, Fort Smith Arkansas and Old Creek Agency Hill, northwest of Muskogee I. T.

While he was there three battles were fought between the northern and southern armies. The first Battle was at Fort Gibson, the second near Fort Davis, between Fort Gibson and Fort Davis. The third battle was fought at Old Creek Agency.

When Mr. Adkins was a young boy of eight years of age, during the first year of the civil war, he witnessed the Battle of Creek Agency. His father joined the army while at Fort Gibson. That was the last time he saw his father. He and his mother left the following year for the south to the Texas line on Red River near Sherman Texas. They traded at Sherman Texas where they lived during the Civil War. Flour sold for \$25.00 a barrel and coffee around a dollar a pound. He was eleven or twelve years of age when the Civil War ended.

His mother died the 1st year of the war. After his mother's death he moved to Old Stone Hill about twenty-five or thirty miles due south of Holdenville Okla. He lived there until he was a grown man.

He married a white woman at Old Stone Hill and was married by a Chickasaw Indian Minister. From there he moved to Durant, Okla with his family of five children. All of the children are dead except one.

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He worked with cattle on the Nail Ranch on Big Blue Creek, six miles north of Durst. This Ranch was owned by Ray Folsom and his step son Joe Nail. He worked for this Ranch until about 23 yrs. ago. When he moved to Muskogee, Okla. He worked in Muskogee a couple of years, then moved to Sapulpa, Okla, where he worked at S. W. Brown Sr. Place, at the mouth of Nickel Creek. He also worked for S. W. Brown Jr. East of Sapulpa now Linden St.

Ranch work was his main occupation. Richard Adkins mother was Millie Marshall daughter of Ben Marshall. She was  $\frac{1}{2}$  Creek Indian and  $\frac{1}{4}$  Euchee Indian. His Father was Thomas Adkins.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Creek Indian and  $\frac{1}{4}$  Scotch blood his parents were raised in Indian Territory.