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## Eliza Kilpatrick

Cherokee Indian (half-breed). Was born in the old Cherokee Nation in Alabama. Came over the "trail of tears" with her parents in 1838 to present sites of Indian Territory, locating in what was known as Fint District.

Was married to Joshua Kilpatrick (white). They were the parents of thirteen children. She lived and died at the same location. Litt is known of them but/puetr except they were the parents of children who became influential citizens of latter years both in business, religious and social life.

Date of her death is not known. She was buried in the family cemetery in Flint District.

P.S. Mrs. Mary Ackley is grand-daughter to Eliza Kilpatrick.

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(Interview given by Mrs. Mary Ackley of Muskogee, to Blla Robinson, January 11, 1937).

Charles Kolpin, born in Germany 1840, respect and educated in native country. Served in Military service in Austrian Army, under General Von Armin. Tiring of Military service, he came to America in 1869, landing in New York. By some unknown circumstance he was attracted toward the West, coming immediately to Fort Gibson. He had to secure a permit from the Cherokee Government before he could be allowed to stay. Having been favorably impressed with the country, he applied for naturalization papers and was admitted to citizenship of the United States in 1870. He married Eliza Lillard a Cherokee girl in 1875. He located his home four and a half miles from Tahlequah, living on the same farm for sixty years.

Having been trained in his native country in the arts and craft of workmanship in connection with his farming and stock raising he operated a blacksmith shop and a woodwork shop. By such means he was able to maintain an independent living, regardless of existing conditions throughout the country.

He was the father of two sons and two daughters. He had not been to town (Tahlequah) for nearly twenty years. He said that he couldn't not see the town if he went there, because of the houses they had built all over.

He died June 1936.

P.S. Mrs Mary Ackley was a niece of Mrs. Charles Kolpin.