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UCHEE-CREEK INDIANS MADE OWN SALT

Many years ago when the Uchee Indians first settled in the (Creek) section, they made their salt which they used to cure meat and in cooking, by the following process:

The Indians discovered a spring which shot forth water in the middle of the creek. The water proved to be very salty, and so the Uchees dipped the salt water from the spring and put it into large square iron kettles. They built a hot fire under the kettles and boiled the water until the water all boiled away. This operation left the salt in the kettle. The salt was of a reddish or sergum color. They took the salt from the kettles and spread it on a sheet or canvass to dry. It was then ready for use. The iron kettles were three wide by five feet long.

These early-day Uchees were then living where they had settled shortly after their arrival from Uchee creek, Georgia, on Salt creek, five miles east of Streud, Oklahoma. This was considered in those days as being on the border of the Muskegee or Creek country. The confederated Creek or Muskegee tribes owned the territory west of that point, but it was infested by roving bands of Plains Indians. The Uchee Indians had several fights with these people of the Plains. Old Uchees speak of certain tribes of these plains people as Ka-tah-ka, Pah-du-kee and Pa-ne-mah.

These Uchee Indians now live in Creek county where they took their land allotments as members of the Muskegee or Creek Nation.