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An Interview with Henry Jacobs  
a Creek Freedman who lives one mile  
east of Sasakwa.

Henry Jacobs says that he has taken an active part in the Snake Uprising and that he lived near where Henryetta now stands. But after serving time for his part in the Uprising has lived any place that he could get to live. He is now farming near Sasakwa.

The Indians had a treaty with the Government in the year 1825, the Government granting them their land which is now known as the Creek Nation and this was supposed to be theirs to do with as they pleased, having their own tribal laws, and that they would not be molested by the white men. As years passed there were many white men who came into the Creek Nation and intermarried with the Indians. The Indians intermarried with the negroes and as time went by there were many of these half-breeds and they welcomed the white people and state negroes.

In 1882, the Creek Nation being very much overrun with white people, many of them with business enterprises, and the railroads were being built, the fullbloods did not approve of this but the half-breeds

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and state negroes welcomed them.

Their Chief, a Creek, called council of all the fullbloods so the fullbloods and half-breeds went to war among themselves. Among the fullbloods was a man called Chitto Harjo, who was a strong believer of their rights; and on the opposite side a man they called Sleeping Rabbit was their leader. These two groups had several battles but the fullbloods, with Chitto Harjo as their leader, were victorious.

In 1898 Congress passed an act to allot the land to each member of the tribe and also do away with all tribal government. The Creek fullbloods at once called a council and declared Chitto Harjo as their hereditary Chief who at once set out to re-establish the tribal courts and customs and who at once declared Hickory Ground as the capital of the Creek Nation instead of Okmulgee. Hickory Ground is six miles southeast of Henryetta. Harjo at once reorganized his tribe. Chitto Harjo had been called Crazy Snake by the opposite members of his tribe because he did not approve of the allotment of the land.

Crazy Snake and his followers began roaming around over the country armed with Winchesters, ar-

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resting and punishing all of the Indians who had expected their allotment. It was also a heavy fine for any of the Indians to hire a white man to work Indians hiring such white men for them and sometimes would be severely punished.

Harjo sent a Delegation to the President demanding that their treaty of 1825 be decreed in force and saying that the government passed on ~~the~~ treaty.

After statehood Crazy Snake's followers diminished. He then allowed all negroes who had Creek blood in them and state negroes to join him. Then he called council of all of his followers to meet at Hickory Ground. They at once began to build houses, cellars and put up tents to live in here. They lived here until the negroes and half-breeds out-numbered the fullbloods, then the fullbloods left for their homes.

Government troops were ordered there to arrest them thus stopping their opposition to the Government. The government sent troops there. On arriving they found only a bunch of negroes that were living there, stealing chickens and everything that they could get to eat.

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Crazy Snake and the fullbloods had left when the troops arrived. The negroes that were holding down the village at Hickory Ground fled with the soldiers after them.

The negroes in their flight got scattered. Some of them would lay down in ditches covering themselves with grass and leaves and the horses of the soldiers would jump over them. They were finally all caught and put in jail. Henry Jacobs, the man who told this story, was captured with a few others, nine miles north and two miles east of Wewoka on top of a big hill, and was taken to Muskogee to jail.

But Crazy Snake was not caught. All his followers think that he drifted to old Mexico and died there.