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CHARLES BRUMMETT

Charles Brumett 73 years old living two miles east of Sapulpa gave me the following information.

Mr. Brumett (?) came to the Creek Nation in 1864. He settled at Red Fork. He worked for Charles Clinton (a white man married to a Creek Indian woman) father of Paul and Lee Clinton and Dr. Fred S., who owned the Circle S ranch southeast of Keifer, Oklahoma.

MAIL ROUTE

From June to November, 1864, he carried mail from Red Fork to the Sac and Fox Agency south of Stroud, Oklahoma. Mr. Insko had the contract for this mail route. He carried mail in a buggy, making two stops on his way to the Agency. The first stop where he changed horses was at Tiger Jack's place two miles southwest of Bristow, at a Mr. Hamilton's, an Indian. He stayed over night at the Agency, starting back to Red Fork the next morning. When making his route he saw deer and turkey and at times would take a couple of passengers. He resigned and started working for Charles Clinton again. He worked there awhile and then took the mail route again in 1865. He worked on the route a few months then resigned. He started working for Bluford Miller's IX ranch, seventeen miles northeast of Okmulgee. He quit there and started working for Captain Sever's ranch, the FS ranch, fifteen miles ^{east} ~~northwest~~ of Okmulgee.

In 1865 he came to Sapulpa and located six miles northwest of Sapulpa where he had a ranch until about fifteen years ago. In 1864 the only store in Red Fork was run by James Parkinson. The first store in Sapulpa as he remembers was a small grocery and clothing store owned by a Mr. Brush; the second store was owned by H. C. Hall.

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The Indians in Sapulpa that Mr. Brumett knew when he came here were old man Sapulpa, for whom the town was named; also William and Jim Sapulpa, and John Sapulpa. He worked with Bill Cook at the FS ranch. Bandits did not bother him while carrying mail.

NOTE: The Bill Cook referred to in the last paragraph, afterward became the leader of the Cook gang, outlaws, to whom belongs the Cherokee-negro, Cherokee Bill.

The FS-ranch was owned by Captain Fredrick Severs, the founder of Okmulgee and one of the founders of Muskogee. The Severs hotel, Muskogee, perpetuates his name. The Captain was a white man adopted into the Muskogee-Creek Nation.

Mr. Brumett married the sister of Mrs. Clinton and became a citizen of the Muskogee-Creek Nation - Thomas F. Meagher.