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LEGEND & STORY FORM
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name Florence Duke

This report made on (date) June 15, 1937

1. This legend was secured from (name) S. C. Brown

Address Stigler, Oklahoma

This person is (male or female) White, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe Male, White.

2. Origin and history of legend or story Coming to the Indian territory.

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached

INTERVIEW WITH S. C. BROWN
BY
Florence Duke, Field Worker

My father, James D. Brown, English descent, was born at Charleston, Arkansas, in 1837. He left Arkansas in the year of 1875, coming to Indian Territory and settling three miles east of Keota on Dave Moore's farm. Later he moved to Stigler, buying his own place and building his home. Later he went to Prague, Oklahoma, where he passed away, lacking a few days of being 90 years old. He was buried in the Prague cemetery in 1935. My mother, Mary Brown, English descent, was born at Charleston, Arkansas, in 1843 and is buried at Stigler, Oklahoma.

My mother and father were married in Arkansas but came to Oklahoma in 1875. They came in covered wagons, travelling through the day, about dark stopping and making camp for the night. After supper they would sit around the camp fire talking before going to bed. When they reached Keota, father rented a farm from Mr. Dave Moore, three miles east of Keota. After staying there several years, we later moved near Stigler where we cut and hauled our own logs to build our home. My father was then elected United States Marshal, which kept him quite busy during those days, and left us boys at home to do the farming.

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There was rather a large family of us, seven boys and six girls, only six of whom are living at the present date. These are: Mrs. Green Beck and Mrs. Kate Jones of Duncan; Mrs. Bertie Klinger of Tulsa; S. C. and Bill Brown of Stigler and Henry Brown of Duncan.

S. C. Brown, English descent, born southeast of Charleston, Arkansas, in Franklin County on April 2, 1873. He came to the Indian Territory with his parents at the age of 2. He married Miss Esia Kitchen, English descent, born in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have lived around Stigler for several years. He is now in the stock business and also farms. Mrs. Brown belongs to the Haskell County Farm Women's Club and is known throughout the county for her fine work.

When we came to Indian Territory there were lots of Indians here. I can remember going to church under brush arbors and could sit and watch them playing and gambling during the sermons. Their greatest sport was the ball game which was very rough, and which would usually turn out to be big gang fights. Sometimes there were several men killed. When they would get in these fights, all would run and get on their horses; then start running and shooting at one another..

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Some of them caused quite a lot of trouble, stealing cattle, but it would be mostly the half-breeds doing most of the stealing. We found that we could get along better with the full-bloods.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have six children living at this time. They are: Henry Brown and Virgie Raney of Seminole; Delma Buzan of Kinta, and Charles, Ruby B., and Boyd Brown of Stigler.