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Interview with
Joseph Bruner, Creek Indian
living seven miles northwest
of Sapulpa.

THE LAST INDIAN TRIBAL COURT

Joseph Bruner was born in Tulsa (Lockapoka town) on September 20, 1872.

The last Creek Indian tribal court was held in Okmulgee, in 1898.

Timmie Jack, Euchee Indian, was tried for murdering Jimmie Brown, Euchee Indian, of Sapulpa. Timmie Jack killed Jimmie Brown about five miles east of Mounds on Duck Creek at Timmie Jack's home where they were having a square dance.

Timmie Jack was tried and proven guilty for stabbing Jimmie Brown. He was given thirty days time to settle his affairs. At the end of that time he came back to Okmulgee to the Creek Council House which was the Okmulgee District Court for the Creek Nation. He was placed on a stump, sitting up, and five Light horsemen, under the direction of Captain Dube Berryhill, took ten paces back and fired at a mark placed over his heart. Of the five guns only one was loaded, the others being

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blanks. The men that fired the guns did not know which gun had the loaded shot in it.

Timmie Jack was buried near the Council House and his grave can still be seen.

Before his death, Jimmie Brown had worked in the H. C. Hall store as clerk and interpreter for the Indians.