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## INTERVIEW WITH TOBE MACKEY

FIELD WORKER JOHN M. PEARCE . .

March 10, 1937

The last Tobucky County Court House under the Choctaw Indian Government was built about 1876 as a residence by Dr. D. M. Hailey for Mrs. William R. Chunn who was at that time a widow and a sister-in-law to Dr. Hailey.

The plat was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on December 10, 1901. The building and lot are located in North McAlester on lot 2, block 180, in what was formerly Indian Territory. The legal description is east half of the south-east quarter of the north-west quarter of section 31, township 6 north and range 15 east. The building is of native pine which was left rough. It is about eighteen feet by sixteen feet and has a shed on one side which is twelve feet by eighteen feet. There is a porch on the front side. It was sold to Tobucky County for a court house about 1877.

After Indian Territory became a state in 1907, an Act of Congress was approved April 30, 1908, which provided that the Secretary of Interior should take possession of all public buildings and land of the Five Civilized Tribes and sell same. All property was to be appraised and sold to the highest and best bidder.

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This property was appraised at \$360.00 and sold to the city of McAlester for \$360.00 July 13, 1909. The deed was recorded in the county records of Pittsburg County in book 6 on pages 46 & 47 on August 25, 1909, at 2:50 P. M. This property has since been sold to the Ohoyohoma Club of McAlester, an unincorporated society composed of Indian women associated together for the purpose of education in the old Indian lore as well as for social purposes. They have repaired the building and sometimes hold meetings there. The sale of the property was made May 13, 1929, for a consideration of \$1.00 and O. V. C. and the deed was recorded June 14, 1929, in book 115, pages 263 & 264.

## COMMENTS.

Tobe Mackey was born at Savanna, Oklahoma, in 1882. He is a Choctaw Indian, the son of Solemon Mackey. He was a peace officer in the vicinity of Savanna where his father had been sheriff. Since moving to McAlester, Mr. Mackey has worked as a guard at the Oklahoma State Prison.