

A. C. Martin, 919 West Cedar, Durant, Oklahoma.  
 Born, August 27, 1874, Eagle Creek, Tennessee.  
 Parents, E. L. and Annie Martin. Indian (32nd Cherokee).

## MR. MARTIN'S STORY:

My family came here in the fall of 1886 from Texas. They had come from Tennessee to Texas in 1880.

"Crossed Red River near Gainsville Tex on Ferry  
 The Santifee R R. was startin to Grade North of Red River  
 Mooved in covered wagon camped where Marretta now stands  
 came through Lebonon, Mill Creek P. O. Crossed toll Bridge at or Near Bog[g]y Depo[t] also toll Brid[g]e South of McAlister

"My Father assisted in the institution of the Masonic Lodges at South Canadian & Mannsville I T.

"When we Sett[le]d 4 mi N. W. of Canadian Swi[t]ch  
 the Nearest Church was at Canadian. My Bather & Brother run a Ferry on the Canadian River N. W. of Can[ad]ian Swi[t]ch.  
 We lived on the Chas Smith Farm there was an Indian, Cemeter[y] in the Rive[r] Bottom Ne[ar] wher[e] we lived. before we Settled on this Farm we went from Canadian North up the M. K. T through Eufa[ul]a. Muskogee and crossed the Arkansaw River at the mouth of the Verdigrée R[iv]er camped 2 week[s] Near. Gipson [Gibson?] Station. There

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was Deer & turkey a plenty the Indian was very poorly clad living in small Log huts. had Horse Racing on Saturday after noons We lived 4 years near Canadian Switche and there was Preaching on our side of the River 3. times The Nearest settlement west of us was 15 miles. To get Married all that was Necessary [necessary ?] was the Preacher. School was scarce &. when we had any it Laster [lasted ?] about 1 Or 2 Months"