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Interview with Clem Beaver.

Clem Beaver, of Bunch, Oklahoma, is a half Cherokee and half Creek Indian.

This is the information that he gave as told to him by his grandfather and father. That back in the East before the removal when they found out that they had to move to their new Western home some of the Creeks moved into the Cherokee Nation. John Ross was the Cherokee Chief at that time. When the Cherokees came to the West these Creeks came along with the Cherokees.

Grandfather Beaver at that time had married a Cherokee girl. These runaway Creeks were sometimes called Euchees meaning "keep going" in the Cherokee language. These Cherokees used to call these other Indians Eun-Chee. These Indians also came along with the Cherokees when they came to their Western home. But they were in a separate bunch on the way to the

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new country. After arriving here they settled in what is now Delaware County. There were not many of them. They did not establish a nation of their own.

The Eucheés of today speak the Cherokee language very well. There are not many to be found at this time. So the Eucheés are just a tribe of Indians, part Creeks and Cherokees who found homes in the Cherokee Nation back in the East. There was a small colony of them near the town of Euchee. We have two Euchee Indians here in this county who speak Cherokee.

We know of a Euchee Indian by the name of Bob Studee; we are going to see him. We understand that his father was a leader among the Eucheés.