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Interview of William Fields

William Fields was the son of Parhos Yahola, who at the time of the enrollment wished to enrolled under the name of Dick Fields. The mother's name was Mvn-tv-le. Both of the parents were born in the vicinity of what is now the Thloothlocco neighborhood. Mvn-tv-le belonged to the Deer clan and Parhos Yahola belonged to the Coon clan. They both died after the Spornechv war and Hosose Emarthle, an uncle, served in this war and was killed. William Fields had a brother, San Johah, who was killed during this Spornechv war.

William Fields went to school conducted at Thloothlocco and though he studied under several teachers, he never completed the first year of school. Some of his teachers were, Sarah Morgan, Joe Robison, Joe Yahola, Sallie Yahola, and Bunnie McIntosh. The last named became a prominent leader in the tribal affairs of the Creek nation and a strong worker in the Creek-Seminole-Wichita Baptist association. The only recreation known for leisure time at school was the ball and ball sticks. The teacher would often request the children to bring these to school.

In a northeasterly direction of the present Thloothlocco church was a log building. Here was held the different or urgent tribal councils, trials, and tribal ceremonies. The log building was oval centered and had a cone shaped top. There was one room built on opposite sides, and in the oval room was held the dances when the weather was unfavorable. The building was burned during one of the uprisings and never replaced.

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There was another building similar to the Tholpthlocco building in the northeast direction. This, too, was done away with, but the only remainder of that is the Springfield group. The only marks of this latter, today, is a big tree and a spring probably used by the Indians.

Their first meetings were held under brush arbors but under gradual developments the Thlopthlocco group have a native stone building to hold their meetings in. Still, a part of this group still follow their age-old customs of the dances.

About two miles north of Thloothlocco there was a store owned by a Thomas Canard.

The only way the mail was brought was by means of horses and hack, the route being from Eufaula to a place in the vicinity, of what is now, Wetumka. There were three stores here. Two of these stores were owned by Indians, a Jim Benson and Jack Dunson. The other was owned by a white man, Thomas Geely, who was the first white man to settle that neighborhood.

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