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Ferries--Arkansas River
Porter, Pleasant

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Field Worker: Rufus George
May 14, 1937

Interview with Willie Fox
Euchee man
8 miles east of
Mounds, Oklahoma.

OLD FERRY BOAT.

There was an old ferry boat on the Arkansas River near Wealaka Mission in early times. Chief Pleasant Porter owned this ferry boat. He had a man by the name of Thompson McKellop to operate the ferry boat for him between Bixby, Oklahoma, and Leonard, Oklahoma. There were lots of people who used this ferry boat to cross the Arkansas River. They used this ferry boat because there was no other way of crossing the river at that time.

It would cost the people who crossed over on the ferry boat in wagons fifty cents; on horse back, twenty-five cents; and those who were walking ten cents.

Mr. Thomas McKellop made lots of money out of ferrying people across the river. He would go across the river when it was up, for he understood how to ferry the boat.

The ferry boat was in use for eight years in early days. They would build a new one every time one was worn out.

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