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JACKSON THOMPSON (Creek)  
Checotah, Oklahoma.  
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I (Jackson Thompson) was born in the year 1872 near the town of Pierce, Creek Nation. My father was March Thompson, fullblood Creek, who was the son of Manual Thompson. My grandmother's name I never knew. My mother was Mary (Brewer, Thompson, Creek. My mother's parents died when she was very young and I never knew anything of them. I was reared in the vicinity of my birth place and educated in the Asbury mission. After leaving the Asbury mission I attended the Texas Normal College at Denton, Texas. After attending the Texas Normal I accepted a position as a clerk in the general store of W. E. Gentry a company at Checotah. <sup>position</sup> which I held for about five years.

In 1897 I engaged in the general hardware business at Checotah and continued in that business until 1934 when, due to business depression, I discontinued the business.

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In 1924 I was selected by the Creek Nation as member of a committee to select legal council for representation of the interests of the Creeks before the court of claims in Washington, D. C. There were fifteen cases filed against the government in this movement. We succeeded in obtaining judgment in two cases that were tried. The first, known as the "boundary line" case, which was to establish a line between the Sac-Fox and Creek Nations, the other was the case involving the question of disbursement of tribal funds without authority.

My father, March Thompson, was quite active in tribal affairs. He was Prosecuting Attorney for the Eufaula district of the Creek Nation for many years. He also served as District Judge under the Creek government for several years. After retiring from the judgeship, he served in the house of Kings (Senate of the Creek government) until his death in 1908.

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In 1908 I was married to Susana Grimes, daughter of Billie and Dosie Grimes, Creeks. Two children were born to us. The oldest daughter, Irene, born in 1900, died in 1916. Our younger daughter, Mamie was born in 1912.

A postal card colored picture of the Jackson Thompson home in Checotah is attached to the duplicate copy of this manuscript.