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BIOGRAPHY OF D. A. Homer
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Ardmore, Oklahoma

BORN January 29, 1889
Near Goodland Presbyterian Orphanage
in what is now Choctaw County.

He is a Choctaw Indian.

D. A. Homer, Indian Field Clerk, for the Federal Government at Ardmore, Oklahoma, was born January 29, 1889, near the Goodland Presbyterian Orphanage in what is now Choctaw county.

His father, D.A.Homer, Sir., was also born in Indian Territory, and was for years District Attorney for the Indian Government at Atoka, He also owned and operated the Indian paper known as the Indian Citizen. When the Atoka Agreement was written he translated and published it in both Choctaw and English. Later he translated and published the supplemental Agreement.

Mr. Homer recalls that on one occasion a child belonging to a Choctaw Indian, named Solomon Holmia, who lived near Goodland became seriously ill and died. The Indian Medicine Man advised Solomon that a certain old Indian women living in the neighborhood was a witch, and that because of ill feeling toward him, she had caused the child's death, Solomon took his Winchester, went to the home of the supposed witch, and killed her and five other people. He was taken to Atoka tried for murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in Leavenworth penitentiary. Here he remained until his death.

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There was a court ground located east of Atoka, Here the Indians would gather from miles around to hold court. The whipping post was just outside the courthouse. Mr. Homer has seen many Indians whipped at this post with seasoned Dogwood switches. He never witnessed but one execution at the post. The prisoner was led to the post and seated on a bench then blindfolded. A black target was placed over his heart, an officer standing on each side held his arms. Another officer stood just inside the courthouse door, holding the door just enough ajar to allow him a good view of the prisoner. From this point he fired the death shot with a rifle. No one outside ever knew what officer fired the shot.

Mr. Homer has collected a few Indian relics, but does not care to exhibit them to the public.

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