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BIOGRAPHY OF Mr. Fred Grant (Full Blood Sac & Fox Indian)
Indian name (Wa-thas-qua-hawk)

5 1/2 Miles east and one mile south of
Avery, Oklahoma

BORN North of Stoud, Oklahoma
1896

FATHER Ulyssis Grant
Chief of Sac and Fox tribe

When I was about eight or nine years old, I went with my father, Mishepequa, to a meeting of the Sac and Fox business committee. It was to be held at Pi-pi-que's place. We started out early on horseback, and followed the wagon road used by the Indians from the agency (Sac and Fox) to their homes. It was terribly rough and rugged, hardly more than a slight trail. It took us several hours to go, and by the time we arrived it was nearly noon.

At the set time the members of the committee got together in a group. There were no clocks or watches, but they used the sun as their timepiece. It was quite accurate, too. They did not gather around in a circle, but sat in group fashion as they always did. We children were sent away from the place to play, as it was customary for no one but the business committee members to be present. I do not know what they discussed, but it was some tribal affair. The committee did much more business then than they do now, that is, their scope of activities was much wider. Each member voiced himself about each matter that was brought up.

At the conclusion of the meeting, my father and I went from there to visit one of his friends who lived at the mouth of

Euche Creek. While there, this friend, my father, and I went to buy a beef from a Mr. Davenport who lived across the Cimarron River from Turkey Track Ranch. On our return from Mr. Davenport's we stopped at this ranch. It was located four miles east and one mile north of Cushing next to the Cimarron, and was a stopping place for many of the Indians. In fact, it could nearly be called a trading post since the Indians came there to buy beeves and other farm articles. The ranch also did a lot of bronco busting for Indians, sold many horses to them. It was on a minor trail connecting Leader's Ranch and Whistler's Ranch. Soon after our visit- one or two years- the ranch ceased to be. I don't remember whether the owners had to leave the Indian country, or whether they sold out and left.
