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 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Gomer Gower
 This report made on (date) September 16, 1937

1. Name Felix LeFlore
 2. Post Office Address Spiro, Oklahoma, Route 2.
 3. Residence address (or location) Three-fourths miles southeast of Oak Lodge.
 4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month January Day 19 Year 1865
 5. Place of birth Armstrong Academy, Choctaw Nation.
Near present town of Caddo, Oklahoma

6. Name of Father Campbell LeFlore Place of birth Mississippi
 Other information about father Noted Indian Attorney
 7. Name of Mother Eliza Moncrief Place of birth Mississippi
 Other information about mother --

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 4.

LEFLORE, FELIX. INTERVIEW.

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Felix LeFlore, the subject of this sketch, was born at Armstrong Academy, near the present town of Caddo, Bryan County, on January 19, 1865, at a time when his mother and other members of the family were on their homeward journey to Scullyville, from Texas, where they had sought refuge during the war of 1860-1865.

His mother died while he was still quite young.

His father, Campbell LeFlore was closely related to Greenwood LeFlore who was instrumental in framing the Mississippi Treaty. Campbell LeFlore devoted his life to the prosecution of the Net Proceed Claims which had accrued to the Choctaws through the terms of the Treaty of 1830. By the terms of the Treaty of 1830, the lands in Mississippi which had belonged to the Choctaw Tribe were sold and the proceeds from the sale of this land were given to the Choctaws after their emigration to Indian Territory.

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In the words of his son, Felix⁴ went into the prosecution of these claims when very young and came out an old and broken man. He is buried in the city cemetery at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Felix LeFlore opposed the division of Tribal lands but his opposition was futile.

Campbell LeFlore, father of Felix LeFlore, was elected Choctaw Commissioner in 1866, when the Fort Smith Treaty was made but his right to serve was challenged. On that occasion the degree of Indian blood which he possessed was questioned. It was charged that irregularities were in his racial record and that in consequence of these irregularities he was ineligible to serve as Commissioner. It is quite probable that this excuse was seized upon by the Federal Commissioners because of the well known opposition of Campbell LeFlore to all the issues brought before that Joint Commission and also his

ability to forcefully present to the Federal Commissioners arguments favorable to the Indian cause.

In 1897, Felix LeFlore was united in marriage to Zoe, daughter of David and Rebecka McCurtain.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix LeFlore now have a handsome home within a mile of the old Indian Agency at Skullyville.