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BOOK OF TOWNS AND MEMBERS.

I have a book with the names of all of the Towns listed together. Then the Towns with their members listed under the Town name. It has taken me a year to collect this book but it is complete now. I make money with it. Only Indians are members of the Indian Towns?

Anyone having negro blood in them has to belong to the negro Towns. I can look in my book and tell if the person is Indian or negro.

Alabama

- Arbeka-----Eight miles East of Henryetta.
- Arbeka Deep Fork-----Was at Rigetville, Okla.
- Arbekochee-----Near Okemah, Okla
- Artussee-----Near Tuskogee, Okla.
- Big Spring Town-----Has no Busk Ground.
- Broken Arrow Town-----Near Broken Arrow.
- Cheyahah-----So small they joined other towns.
- Coweta-----Near Coweta.
- Concharty-----Toward Newoka.

Qussehta----- East of Okmulgee.
 Eufaula Canadian----- Near Eufaula.
 Eufaula Deep Fork----- Near Eufaula.
 Euchee Town----- West of Sapulpa.
 Fish Pond Town----- Near Hannah.
 Green Leaf----- Okemah.
 Hickory Ground----- Close to Arbeka.
 Hillabee Canadian----- One mile East of Hannah.
 Hitchita----- No Busk but use to be High Spring
 South of Council Hill.
 Hutchechuppa----- Two miles East of Graham (32) School.
 Keohapataka----- North East of Eufaula.
 Kialigea----- East of Hannah.
 Little River Tulsa----- Tulsa.
 Loohapoka----- Don't know where.
 Nuyaka----- About a mile north of Nuyaka.
 Okchiye----- Near Hannah.
 Oogufkee-----
 Okfuskee Canadian-----
 Okfuskee Deep Fork ----- Their names tell as near as I can.
 Osoche----- Exactly where Dewar is now.
 Pukon Tallahassee----- West of Hannah.

Quassarty No. 1-----10 miles N. W. of Eufaula.

Quassarty No. 2-----South East of Wetumka.

Taakagee-----

Thewathle-----No Bask now, cross the river
East of Dustin.

Topofka----- East of Lamar.

Takabatchee----- North of Yager.

Tulladega-----Same as Arbeka.

Tullahassee-----Don't know.

Tulochussee-----Don't know.

Tulsa Canadian----- Name locates it.

• Tulwa Thlocco----- East of Henryetta.

Weogufke Town----- Four miles West of Hannah.

Wewoka----- There are 2 or 3 but 1 is
West of Wewoka.

THLOP THLOCCO----- North west of Wetumka,
South East of Okemah.

I don't think they would be interested in the negro towns
but you can get them if they want-you to. *

OPUITILI YAHOLA.

That's not spelled like we pronounce his name but I think
it's the same man. He was Chief of the Muskogees. I don't know
where they get the idea that he was buried in Kansas for he isn't.

* The Canadian town (negro) was between Weleetka and Wetumka,
north of the Barnett settlement. Sand Town was another, but
I have not been able to locate it. Mrs. Kelley.

His last camp was sixteen miles West of Checotah. Near Rigitville, on the 62 Highway. That is where he is buried.

(Mr. Tiger pronounced the Chief's name exactly as Mr. Meagher does).

TRADING POSTS.

The leading Trading Posts were: Muskogee, Eufaula, Okmulgee, and Holdenville was the last one. There wasn't much to Wetumka.

MAIL.

The Mail Route was from Wetumka to Watsonville, to Sonora, to Burnie, to Brush Hill and from there to Checota where the Railroad was. I carried the mail on this route.

STORES OR POST OFFICES.

Watsonville was a store and Post Office run by Marian Butler, between where Dustin and the Consolidated 32 school is now. There was a doctor, a blacksmith, and this store which was small and didn't have much in it. Marian Butler had an Indian wife and child. He quit them for a white woman and had to leave. He is at Allen, Oklahoma, now.

Sonora was just a store and Post Office.

Burnie had a little store but Brush Hill was just a Post Office.

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DOGTOWN.

There wasn't a real town, just rocks and there might have been one or two log cabins. The people were not even out-laws, just sneak thieves who hung around in there. I don't know any of their names but I've been through there many times. It's absolutely not worth mentioning, not from the bad stand-point nor the good stand-point. It's been talked up more than there was any reason for.

INDIAN OR PIONEER HOMES.

The first homes I can remember were built of logs. The open spaces between the logs were chinked with sticks and daubed with dirt. Sticks were put in between the logs then mud was used in the place of cement to hold them in and fill the open places. There were no windows and but one door. There was no flooring, just the dirt floor.

OZARK TRAIL.

The Ozark Trail went right from Muskogee to Okmulgee, crossed the river below Okemah, on to Shawnee and to Keubuck Falls in Old Oklahoma, where there was a saloon.

There was a branch but I don't remember it's location.

FERRIES.

There was a ferry on the North Canadian near Spokogee

(Dustin) just a little way from where the K. O. & G. railroad bridge is.

When going to McAlester from there, another was on the South Canadian just below Hannah.

MISSIONS.

There were three Missions I knew about. Eufaula Mission at Eufaula. Wetunka Mission at Wetumka. Ashberry Mission at Coweta, or southwest of Coweta. Miss Alice Robertson was a teacher there and she made the Creek First Reader.

I believe Wash Grayson invented the Creek Alphabet but I'm not sure.

Sam Haynes can tell you about Crimes and Punishments, there were a lot and I don't remember them.

I knew Timaya Cornells, Charles Cornells (Mikko Hutke) Hotulge Emarthla and Spoko Harjo but I don't see that there was anything interesting about them. They are all dead now but I knew them when they were alive. There's nothing to tell about them.