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LEGEND & STORY FORM
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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name Joe Southern

This report made on (date) July 16, 1957

Atoka, Atoka County, Oklahoma

1. This legend was
secured from (name) Jane Ward, Mrs. J. T. Inge, and others.

Address Atoka, Atoka County, Oklahoma

This person is (male or female) White, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe Choctaw

2. origin and history of legend or story History of Old Bogy Depot
and soldiers camp during the Civil War. Locations, map and picture
of same at present.

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank
sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets
attached _____

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Interview with Jane Ward and
Mrs. J. T. Inge
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A checkup of the history and locations of the Southern Army camp, composed of G. B. Hester, captain, and one thousand soldiers. These soldiers were Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, whites, and negroes of the Indian Territory. They were located at Old Boggy Depot from 1863 to 1865, during the Civil War.

This camp was sponsored by the Choctaw Government and the citizens of the surrounding community.

There were plenty of hogs, cattle and wild game for meats. Farms were farmed with corn for bread. Some cotton was raised for clothing for the soldiers and slaves.

Ammunition and guns were brought in from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

There was a water power grist mill one-half mile east of this location on South Boggy River to grind wheat and corn for bread. A salt works was established west of this place for salt.

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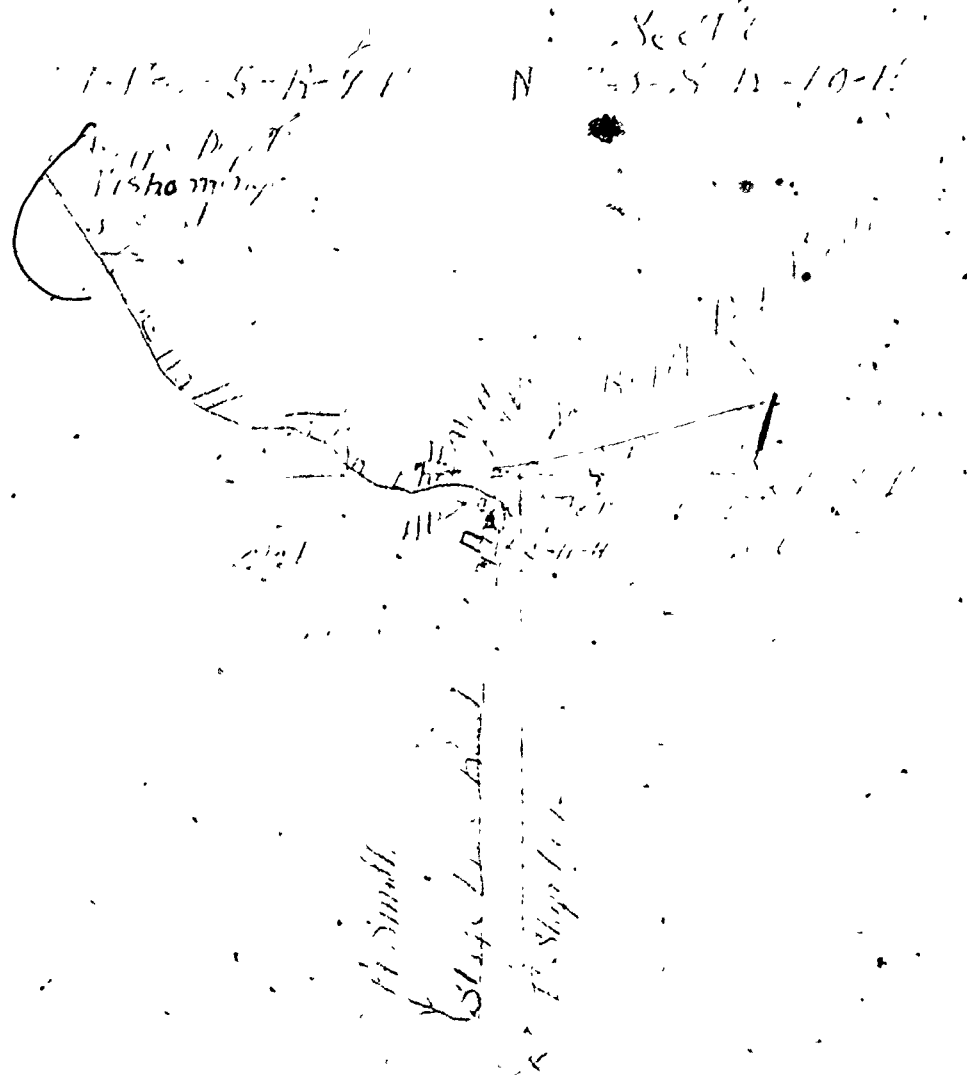
This camp was located on a narrow ridge running east and west with the prairie glades south and north. The map attached shows the location of the cannon gun pits, street, ammunition underground plant, horse barn and houses that are still there. The attached picture shows the main street looking east from the ammunition plant.







This location is in Section 1, Township 3S, Range 9E and Section 6, Township 3S, Range 10E, Atoka County, Oklahoma.

In later years Old Boggy Depot was moved and located in Section 12, Township 3S, Range 9E, by Captain Hester and others and named New Boggy. These two towns were very thriving and prosperous in the early Indian Territory days.

Stock raising and farming were the principal occupations of the surrounding community.

MAP OF OLD BOGGY DEPOT



- Cemetery----- C-M
- Allen Wright's Home----- A-W-H 
- Ammunition Plant----- A-M-P 
- Horse Barn----- H-B 
- Cannon Pit----- C-P 
- Captain Hester's Home----- C-H-H 
- Boggy Depot Street----- B-S-T 

Kodak picture of Old Buggy Depot grounds at present attached to original of this manuscript.