

WESLEY, MOSES NELSON INTERVIEW.

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Interview with Moses Nelson Wesley
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My father, Nelson T. Wesley, a Choctaw, was born 1887,
in Indian Territory, now known as the State of Oklahoma.

He died November 11, 1925, six miles west of Ada, Oklahoma,
and is buried in Garvin County, near Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

My mother, Sillen Impson Wesley, Choctaw, was born in
1875, in Indian Territory. She died and is buried fifteen
miles west of Antlers, Oklahoma, in Pushmataha County.

I was born March 10, 1890, fifteen miles west of Antlers,
in a little two-room cabin.

During my school days we had a neighborhood school which
I attended until the age of thirteen years. My parents then
sent me to a Government school at Goodland, Oklahoma, in the
year of 1903. I attended school here until I finished the
seventh grade in 1910.

I was married to Lizzie Byington, January 1, 1910, by
the Justice of the Peace at Featherston, Oklahoma. My wife,
a Choctaw, was born in Haskell County, where she lived and
attended school until coming to Goodland to school, where we
first met.

After we were married we came back to Haskell County where we made our first home. We settled about a mile west of Keota, Oklahoma, at what is known as Only Way. I was the Pastor of the Only Way church for the Indians. We made this our home until we went to the

Baptist University at Shawnee, Oklahoma, in 1916. We stayed there until the year of 1919, then went to Ada, Oklahoma. We made this our home until 1929, when we moved back to Only Way, near Keota.

Mr. Wesley is well known and liked by his tribe as well as by others. He is known for his great interest in the churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley have three adopted children whom they have taken great interest in, sending them to school, etc. The children are now attending a Government school near Tallegush, Oklahoma, known as the Sequoyah Indian Training School. They are Hester, Esther and Moses Junior Wesley.