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Interview with Mr. Harry White.  
Born 1875, Indian Territory  
Wynnewood.  
Father-S. M. White  
Mother-M. Harris

My grandfather was Cyrus Harris and he came to the Indian Territory in 1837, with his mother and a few other families. They all came to Fort Coffee and when they got there, they found out that some of their friends were in camp near Scullyville. Cyrus Harris remained in camp at Scullyville about two weeks, then with several families started to find a desirable place for settling and finally located on Blue River. This was in 1838.

While living on Blue River Mr. Harris was induced to enter politics.

In 1850 a council was convened at Boiling Springs in Panola County, in which he was appointed to accompany Edmond Pickens to Washington City, to arrange some National business, which proved ineffectual.

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Upon returning home my grandfather sold his place on Blue river and settled at Boggy Depot.

He resided there for a year, and again sold out and moved to a point on Pennington creek, about a mile west of Tishomingo, where he remained until 1855. Not satisfied there, my grandfather once more sold out and moved to a place on Mill creek, and started a trading post and after the stage line came through there, he built a hotel and boarding house.

In 1854, he was again appointed a delegate to go with several others to Washington City. In 1856, after the adoption of the Chickasaw constitution, he was elected the first governor of the Chickasaw Nation. He was re-elected for three more terms, making a total of eight years during which time he held the governorship of the Chickasaw Nation.

Cyrus Harris was my grandfather on my mother's side.