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INTERVIEW WITH JOE MILLER WHITTAKER
Eufaula, Oklahoma.

On Treasures of the Tukabahchee Indians,
locations of stomp-grounds, Ferry, and
Railroad, and when built.

The Tukabahchee Indians, had two brass plates. These plates were sacred to them; they kept them buried all the time, and when they would have a stomp dance as a religious ceremonial, they would dig them up, and polish them real bright. Any one that was not a Christian was not allowed to touch them; after the ceremonial was over, they would bury them again. These plates are buried some where, but no one knows where they are.

Jim Hill, living west of Eufaula, was the last councilman of the Creek warriors.

There is a ferry called Days' Ferry, on North Canadian River, about one and one half mile northeast of Eufaula. It was used for ferrying the river before the bridge was built across the river. It is not used

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now. I believe Belden Day was the last man to operate it.

The Weogufgky stomp ground is located near Hanna; Hickory stomp ground is near Henryetta; Teakillagie stomp ground is south of Raiford; the Eufaula stomp ground is at Artussee. There is a stomp ground at old Green Peach Town, called a green-peach stomp ground.

The Oklahoma Indians spoke their own language, the Eufaula and Koetas the same.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas, railroad was built through this (McIntosh County) in about 1872; then they began shipping cattle through to Kansas City, Chicago, and other markets farther north. Big loads of Texas cattle, as well as the Oklahoma cattle were shipped over this road.