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Suake L. Miller  
1327½ E. 2nd St., Tulsa  
Cherokee Indian  
Roll # 28230 Enrolled at  
age of 28 years.

EMMIGRANTS

Mr. Suake L. Miller's parents came to Indian Territory in 1838 from Georgia as emigrants, (which means they were not moved by the Gov't), and settled in what is now Adair county near the town of Flint.

Mr. Lewis Miller (Indian Name Standing Turkey), father of Suake L. Miller ½-blood Cherokee (his wife was 1/16-blood Cherokee), fought in the Civil War under the Command of General Stand Waite. He took part in the battle fought at Fort Gibson, and other battles along the Arkansas State Line. He later served as Deputy Sheriff of Tahlequah District, Indian Territory. He was also a member of the "Standing Turkey Clan" of the Cherokee's.

Suake L. Miller

FRONTIER      TOWNS

The town of Ochelata was Named after Charles Thompson. He was the principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, and his Indian name was "Ochelata."

S. R. Lewis

Tulsa was named after "Old Tulsa Town" (Indian meaning Turtling Place, or a place where the turtles would come out in large numbers to sun themselves). Old Tulsa Town was in Alabama, and some ashes from the Sacred Fire was carried here in an Earthen jar from Old Tulsa Town in Alabama, and put down, and was called Tulsa Town of the west. This was in 1838.

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THE RUN OF 1893  
The Cherokee Strip

Mr. Suate Miller was one of the fifty guards who accompanied the representative of the United States Treasury Department in 1894, who went into the Cherokee Strip country to collect the money that was to be paid to the Cherokee Tribe through the Treasury Department by the people who had made the run in 1893. They were to pay \$1.25 per acre for this land. The sum total of this money was \$6,000,000.00 and it was their duty to guard this money.

This money was to be paid to the Cherokee people who were enrolled at this time. They numbered somewhere around 55,000 at that time. Each Cherokee was paid the sum of \$265.70.

These payments began at Tahlequah on June 1st, 1894 and were completed as far as the guards were concerned on October 1st, 1894. From Tahlequah they went to Claremore and then to Webber Falls and then to Stilwell and then to Salina and then back to Tahlequah to where the remnants were taken care of and the guards were dismissed.

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Suate Miller, who lives at 1327 $\frac{1}{2}$  E. 2nd St., Tulsa, Oklahoma, was born near Sureka School in what is now Cherokee County, near Tahlequah, Oklahoma on December 21, 1869. He is of white and Cherokee blood. His father is one-half Cherokee and mother is 1/16 Cherokee. His father's name is Lewis Miller and his mother's name is Minnie Miller. They came to this country in 1838 and settled in what is now Adair County close to what is now Stilwell, Oklahoma. They came from Georgia. His father was first under Treaty of 1828. Then the mother and the family came under Treaty of 1835. Interview of this man has already been sent in.

W. L. (Trixie) Miller, Muskogee is about 10 years older than Suate Miller and can give some very interesting information. He is also on the Relief Rolls. He has the family Bible giving record of the entire Miller family and their history, also record of their distant and near relatives.

The Miller family grave yard is located 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles southwest of Tahlequah. This grave yard was set aside out of their allotment by the Dawes Commission. Mr. Miller's parents and other members of the family are buried there. It is called the Miller Grave Yard.