

SOUTHERN, JOE

LAND MARKS.

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These are some land marks of Atoka County.

No. 1. Double horse shoe bend on McGee Creek, located in Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 Township 2 S, R. 14 E. Named by James McGee, the first Choctaw Indian who settled near there.

No. 2. The double horse shoe bend on Potapo Creek, and the noted Boiler Hole of water, named by a Choctaw Indian. Potapo, who first settled near there. The location of hole of water and bend is in Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26, Township 2 S, R. 13 E.

No. 3. Cat Creek Cave, located in Section 29, Township 1 S, R. 13 E. Named by Frank James and Cole Younger who occupied it for six months in 1868.

No. 4. Big and Little Boogaboo Canyons, also Bluff of Stone or precipice and four caves located in Sections 2, 3, 4- 34 and 35, Townships¹ and 21S, R. 14 E. Named by Sanko, a mixed blood Indian who was a great hunter and trapper, who trapped and hunted in these canyons before and after the Civil War.

No. 5. Scratch Mountain, located in Section 30, Township 2 S, R. 13 E. named by Sam B. Scratch, the first white man who built a lumber road across this mountain in 1889. He also transported lumber from his sawmill that was located on Potayo Creek at the Boiler Hole of water.

All of these above persons are now deceased.

The above information was gained by Joe Southern from Mr. Leon Harkins and his wife, Choctaw Indians, who sponsored hunting trips from 1893 to 1905 at which times we camped at these different locations. Mr. Harkins and Wife are also deceased, having died at the ages of 79 and 84 years respectively.