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INTERVIEW WITH POLLY CHARCOTONNEY

FIELD WORKER RUFUS GEORGE.

Polly is about 80 years of age, belongs to the long Tiger Band of Uchee-Creek Indians, and lives in the Pole Cat Creek valley in the vicinity of Kelleyville, Creek County, Oklahoma.

Polly says that in the early days the Uchee-Creeks lived scattered in bands throughout what is now Creek County and adjacent districts in Tulsa and Okmulgee Counties. That was a long time before the Government took their country and cut it up into 160 acre allotments.

In those days, the Indians chose any spot they wanted for a home. When a family decided upon a particular place for a home, their friends came together, cut and hewed a set of house logs and raised the house in one or two days. During the time, the family provided plenty of good things to eat.

When a young Uchee couple got married, their friends and relatives erected a cabin and furnished a certain amount of furnishings, and the young Indian couple were given a start in life.

WILD HORSES

When she was a young girl the long prairie between Kelleyville and Bristow and Slick was called wild horse prairie, because

hundreds of wild horses roamed the prairie. The Uchee-Creeks used to run these wild horses down, catch and tame them.