

CHAMBERS of JENNIE McCOY SECOND INTERVIEW

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL CONCERNING
JENNIE McCOY CHAMBERS.

(a) Name on the tombstone of the first person buried in the Claremore Cemetery is Elijah Hicks. The complete inscription - that in English only; the part bearing the inscription in Cherokee has been broken off and presumably taken to Oklahoma City - follows, incorrect spelling, lack of punctuation, and all:

Elijah Hicks was born June 21, 1797. In the old Cherokee Nation East of the Mississippi River was educated in South Carolina. he assumed a high position as a leader in 1832-3 succeeded E. L. Boudinot as editor of the Cherokee Phoenix in 1838-9 was comander of the Cherokees to their present homes was one of the framers of Constitution and laws of the Nation filled a number of apointments as a delegate to Washington D. C. to atend to the affairs of the Tribe with U. S. Grant.

Aug. 6 1856 Ag'd 60 years, 1 mo. 16 d's.

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(b) We have been unable to establish Mrs. Chambers' relationship to Sequoyah. The children do not know and Mrs. Chambers could not remember, or did not understand what was wanted. She just said in an offhand way, "I was kin to Sequoyah on my daddy's side." Her grandmother, Betsy Ross Hicks, was sister of John Ross who was principal chief of the Cherokees for so many years.