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Interview with J. L. Cook and Dr. J. S. Fulton
Both of Atoka, Oklahoma.

Men whose names will go down in history as
leaders in the Indian Territory as builders
of Oklahoma. These men lived in the Choctaw
Nation near Atoka.

From a historical and general civic stand-point, one
of the most gratifying influences marking the progress of
Oklahoma is the fact that here are found as representative
figures in professional and business life, citizens con-
cerned with Governmental and public affairs, many of whom
are native sons who can claim a strain of Indian blood, and
who are honoring the Indian as well as the white race with
their achievements. Much of this success is attributed to
the training received in the schools and academies in the
Indian Territory.

Among these are: Mr. George E. John, a translator,
editor and newspaper man.
Allison Russell Tell, lawyer

Richard A. Sneed, a civic health leader

Ben Watkins, farmer and stock raiser

Clarence McCasland, lawyer and teacher

John R. Fain, lawyer and teacher

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Thomas F. Mernminger, banker, farmer,
stockman and politician,
William Gill, civic leader

Baxter Taylor, statesman

Robert E. Long, contractor and builder

J. O. Kuykendall, statesman

J. A. Clyne, W. E. Reynolds, L. C. Leflore, William

Hildwell, J. R. Ray and R. R. Philipps are all prominent
in the affairs of the Choctaw Nation.