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DOAK, D. N. INTERVIEW.

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BIOGRAPHY OF D.N. Doak
Duncan, Oklahoma

BORN September 24, 1872
Stonewall, Indian Territory

Mr. D. N. Doak was born in Stonewall, Oklahoma, then called Indian Territory, September 24, 1872, and was named after his father Dud.

His father was the first white baby born in the Choctaw Nation, having an Indian girl as nurse. Dud Doak, the father married Elizabeth Scott from Tennessee. He was appointed Indian trader by the agent to run the store and commissary at Doaksville, Indian Territory.

When D. N. was twelve years old, the family moved to what is now Stephens county and settled on Wild Horse (1884) near Velma, Oklahoma. Wild Horse receiving its name from a herd of wild horses which ranged up and down the creek.

Most of D. N. 's life was spent tending range cattle and fighting fires, and running down horses stolen by the Indians from Bar D. Ranch, east of Velma.

Jim Doak, a brother had a store built of logs 14 x 14, one-fourth mile north of Velma ('82) and there were no houses between this place and Gainesville, Texas, the only railroad point. They usually took three wagons to Gainesville for their supplies for the store. " They may forget flour or meat, but never forget their liquor," as Mr. Doaks states. Mr. D. N. Rode on the first Gin stand to Velma from Gainesville.

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"The Passmore dugout just across the creek from the old Duncan store was an old location. He had a negro man with him and if it became too crowded inside the house this negro climbed upon top and sat by the chimney to keep warm."

Marion Jackson sold corn from his crib at 7 cents per bushel. Corn grew wild there at his time.

NAMES OF INDIAN COOKING

1. Tom fuller -- a meal made up of beaten corn cooked with blocks of beef in a pot and was used a special kind of dance.
2. Pa Chaufa Dance -- Where they cooked beaten corn with another kind of meat.

Mr. D. N. States that it was "good eating."

Mr. D. N. laughs and tells that he had to run the prairie dogs away so Duncan could be started. There were many round ups where Duncan is.

Andy Pickett was the first man killed in Duncan. It happened in front of Burr's store by Jess West who with three other -- Allen, Miller, Burrell were hanged in Ada.

Dave Putty, desperado killed U. S. marshall, Ed Thurlow, in front of what is now Wade Hotel.

Mr. McLeMore, U. S. Marshall, told D. N. he was going to kill Putty, and he did on a dance platform.

Arthur, Oklahoma, were dugouts where outlaws had their hangouts.

Line Saloon was just across the Meridan line two miles west of Marlow. They were not allowed in the Chickasaw Nation.

Mail was received at Doak's store from old Healdton, brought by one cowboy, who made the trip about once a week.