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## THE LIGHT HORSE

The Light Horse, to the best of my knowledge, was first originated by the Creeks back in the days when they were governed by their own tribal laws before they were interfered with by the laws of the white man.

It was for the purpose of coping with, or putting down lawlessness among their people and functioned successfully, and practically the same as our present law enforcement bodies. The Chief of the Light Horse was elected by the Tribal Council and he appointed his assistants and organized his force the same as we elect our sheriff of a country and he appoints his deputies.

The Light Horse was adopted by other tribes and was used until they were confined to reservations and governed by the laws of the United States Government, and to some extent thereafter in assisting the government in their efforts to protect the people against the lawlessness element that infested the Indian Territory in the early days, as this country then was a refuge for outlaws from most every state in the union.