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A CREEK INDIAN BURIAL

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Peter McNao was a full-blood Creek Indian living about 14 miles south west of Ootah in the Deep Fork bottom, and was one of many other Indians who held interests in large pastures which were leased to Texas cattlemen. In 1902 the smallpox broke in this vicinity and the McNao family were all down with it at once. Mossie, the youngest son, died and after his body was lowered in the grave they placed new saddle, blanket, bridle, boots and spurs on the casket and covered with dirt. Next morning his brother George went to the grave which he found open and the saddle and other articles were gone. George stood there and finally said, "well, white men rob it Indian alive, and rob it dead."

(The End)