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One of the Kings or Vice-Kings of Lugaboga-Talasi Town was Mooser (Moses) Narharkey, the father of Sammie Narharkey who lives S. E. of Tulsa. These kings met for council and for the ceremonials, stomp dances and other gatherings of the Lugaboga-Talasi Town, at their Council Grounds under the big Council Oak tree, which is still alive at 1730 South Cheyenne St. in Tulsa.

Mekko Fixico was the Highest King or President of this council which numbered among its members, Mocus Harjo, (Known as Big Seba), Mooser Narharkey, and Tookebatchee. Mooser Narharkey was often chosen to make speeches to his assembled townsmen and visitors who might be there, telling them to take an interest in their dances and ball games and to refrain from drinking intoxicating liquors or hard cider, so as not to disturb anyone on the grounds during the festival.

Mooser Narharkey was also a member of the "House of Warriors" at Okmulgee for a period of two terms or eight years. At times, he was deputized by the "Siah" (Sheriff) to be Siah Button (deputy sheriff) a light horse man, to run down criminals. The Siah was a form of Indian Government and had nothing to do with the U. S. Government, but a light horseman was similar to a U. S. Sheriff.

The Narharkeys lived on the mother's allotment, one and one half miles E. of Red Fork, until after her death in 1902 when they moved to a new home built by Mooser on his own land. Mooser died Dec. 22, 1905.

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An interesting speech made by Eufaula Harjo, Medicine Man for the Lugabogas during the time that they held their stomp dances in Tulsa, was heard by Sammie Narharkey. Harjo said that this fire, which was brought from Alabama and never allowed to die out, was for their worship: That, "the mountains and hills, that you see, are your backbone, and the gullies and the creeks, which are between the hills and mountains, are your heart veins. If your children do not obey their parents, you must whip them with 'Pe-nos-lo-wa-ke' (hickory limb)." The Lugaboga-Talasi fire in Tulsa is now gone, but fire was taken from it and moved to two other places, namely, Talasi Canadian Town and Little River Talasi Town in Hughes and Seminole Counties, respectively. (Talasi in the original or De Soto form and correct form for the modern name Tulsa.)