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NEWS ITEM OF ALEX POSEY

We intend to publish shortly some sketches of the literary productions of Alex Posey, the Creek bard and philosopher, with a picture taken from his latest photograph. Mr. Posey has the distinction of being the greatest literary character among the Indians who has left his writings to the world, thus far the greatest native writer of the new state of Oklahoma. He was both a humorous and sentimental writer, based on the philosophy of nature. Thoreau, the Sage of Concord, was his favorite author, and he carried a small volume of "Waldene" in his pocket for a number of years, that he might peruse the same whenever he had leisure. His father was a full-blood Irishman, and his mother, who is still living, is a full-blood Creek woman. He inherited his talents from his father, who he told us was a man of much more natural ability than himself, which



was not put to use. He was born not far from Eufaula, in the Creek nation, and met his tragic death but a few miles from the same place in the turbulent waters of the Canadian river, of which he had so sweetly written.