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EDITORIAL ON ALEX POSEY

Alex Posey, well known in the Indian territory has a peculiar position. He is enrolling Indian children for the Dawes commission and incidentally is called upon to name many of them. The Muskogee Phoenix in telling of his work says:

"Alex Posey and his stenographer, Drennan Skaggs, are in the city and will leave Thursday morning for Eufaula, from which point they will work in the full-blood Snake district in the work of receiving applications for enrolling children for the Dawes commission as required under the recent act of congress. During the past month Mr. Posey has received applications for the enrollment of 527 children. All told there have been the names of nearly 2,000 children received up to date. While out on his last trip Mr. Posey not only acted in the capacity of diplomat and a faithful agent of the government, but also acted the part of a god-father. On one occasion he found a

pretty Indian boy who had not yet been named. "This will never do," said Posey, "here's where I name a coming statesman," as he tickled the little one under the chin and played with his chubby hands. He suggested "Osceola" after the noted Seminole chief. The parents were charmed with the name, and the child was given it.

Later in the week Posey was called upon to name another babe. This one did not strike him so favorably, but was named nevertheless. It will hereafter be known as "Sapho."