



*Dess (Wilkerson) & Wilburn Curtis, Little Bear, Iva (Curtis) & Barney McCabe
Little Bear's Place (1915-1916?)*

"Little Bears Allotment"

On September 3, 1918, S.P. Curtis bought the SW4 section 3-14-9W Canadian County, OK from "Little Bear", a chief of the Kiowa Indian tribe. Little Bear had received this one hundred sixty acres as his allotment, #355, from the US Government. Mary Spotted Calf, probably his daughter, received the money after Little Bear's death (1918->?).

Sam Curtis, my grandfather, bought this land for \$4,000, giving Little Bear \$1000 in cash and the balance of \$3000 at 6% interest to be paid at Concho, Department of the Interior within 3 years.

Sam Curtis received a "patent" from President Harding on April 15, 1921. While living on the land, Sam built a house and out-buildings and also provided for his family, wife Mary and their 5 children still living at home.

On August 6, 1921, Sam sold this land to J.W.Curtis, his son, for \$7000. At this time Sam still owed \$2000 to be paid at Concho, Department of the Interior, which had been renamed School Land Department.

J.W. sold this same quarter to Jesse Avans a month later on September 6, 1921, for \$6000 and the balance at Concho was still \$2000. Apparently J.W. received something other than cash for the trade.

Only 2 days later, September 8, 1921, Jesse Avans sold the property for \$5000 to W.W. Stroud, still owing the \$2000 at Concho, Department of the Interior, now named the School Land Department. Mr. Avans probably also received something in trade to make a profit.

W.W. Stroud paid off the note at 5% interest on May 20th, 1936 and received a release from the State Land Bank at Choncho. This land is still owned by the Stroud family. It is located 7.5 miles North, 2.5 miles West of Calumet, Oklahoma.