

MRS. ANNIE SMALLWOOD

Born in 1833 in De Sota county, Mississippi. This lady is the daughter of a white man named Moore, her mother being a full blood Choctaw. At an early age she left the old state and settled in Kiamichi county. While young she married John Smallwood, a man of much political prominence in his Nation, having been a member of the Council for many years. John Smallwood was a brother to ex-Chief Smallwood, who was chief administrator from 1888 until 1890. By this union Mrs. Smallwood had four children — Ben, Susan, John and Dick. Ben and John are both dead, while Dick, the youngest son, is National coal weigher at Coalgate. Susan has been married for many years to John A. Dillon, of Atoka, with whom the subject of this sketch has resided for sixteen years past. Mrs. Smallwood is possessed of property in the city as well as a small stock of cattle.

Although in her fifty-seventh year, she is still full of life and energy, devoting much of her time to her little grandchildren, to whom she is greatly attached. Few of Mrs. Smallwood's neighbors have not received proofs of her benevolence and kindly nature in times of trouble and sickness. She is highly connected both on her father and mother's side; her nephew, William Byrd, being Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, while her brother-in-law is ex-Principal Chief of Choctaws.