From 1894 to 1896 Jefferson Gardner was Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation. The three main problems that Gardner dealt with were negotiations with the Dawes Commission, reorganization of Choctaw schools, and mineral leases for exploitation of coal lands in the Choctaw Nation. Along with these problems Jefferson Gardner was responsible for defining the guidelines (requirements for citizenship) needed to check the influx of outsiders into the nation.

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3. The Davis Advertiser, Vol. 1, No. 50 "Editorial on Jefferson Gardner" Davis, Indian Territory Managing Editor: M.B. Rutherford. Contents: Discusses the three factions of Indians in Choctaw Nation and the action they are taking toward one another. 3 copies. April 8, 1895. Length: 3 pp.


appropriate to set up a meeting to negotiate the proposed proposition. 3 copies. May 31, 1895. Letter dated May 18, 1895 from Muskogee, Indian Territory.


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