Indian Affairs - Office of Public Affairs

Media Contact: Tozier - Interior 4306
For Immediate Release: May 31, 1963
Print PDF

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today announced the appointment of E. B. Maytubby, Muskogee, Okla., to fill out the unexpired term of his late nephew, Floyd Maytubby, as Governor of the Chickasaw Indian Nation and the designation of Overton James, Oklahoma City, to serve a two-year term as Governor starting with expiration of the Maytubby term on October 18, 1963.

Under a 1906 law the President was empowered to appoint principal chiefs or “governors periodically for each of the so-called "Five Civilized Tribes" of Oklahoma - Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole. In 1951 this appointing authority was delegated to the Secretary of the Interior. The late Governor Maytubby died last February after serving in the office continuously since 1939