

Thomas Pegg

(- 22 Apr 1866)

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Death of a Cherokee.

Thomas Pegg Acting Chief of the delegation of the Cherokee Nation died in this city on Sunday. The deceased who was born in the State of Alabama was in his sixty fifth year and was one of the Old Settlers of the West and in >>>>> captain of company E, 3d Indian Regiment, and served with his company until honorably discharged at the close of the war. As Acting Chief, he signed the bill abolishing slavery in the Cherokee Nantion, February, 1863 -- the first legislative act abolishing slavery by any State or local authority in the United States. He was a full-blood Cherokee, a man of considerable attainments and of great shrewdness and sagacity. At the time of his death he was one of the Supreme Judges of the Supreme Court and also one of the legally elected representatives of the Cherokee Nation, and laboring with them to secure the just rights of that people from the Government. He will be interred in the Congressional Burying Ground this afternoon.