

Nearly all of his 78 years, Jake Whitmire has lived on Ben Knight Creek in the Green Community. Long ago the community took its name from the old log school building that stood on the hill east of his home. In season the old building was covered with green vines and foliage. The attractively covered building inspired the name. After the building had served for years as a school, it was used as a church, and affectionately known as the Old Green Church. The old building is gone now, but the name is still used for the newer church a quarter mile north, close by the Green Cemetery.

In the Ben Knight Valley of Green Community still live many Indians. Some of these are the families of Ju-wo-ni, Thornton, Whitmire, Hammer, Shell, Corntassel, Snipp, Runaway, Scraper, Knight, Smallwood, Watt, and Toolate.

Jake's Cherokee ancestry comes from both his father and mother. His father was White McClellen Whitmire and his mother was Annie Corntassel. Included with this interview is a copy of a part of his family tree. In this part of the old Goingsnake District of the Cherokee Nation the Whitmires have been numerous and many have been prominent in the progress of this area.

Speaking again of the old Green School where he first attended, he recalls that some of the teachers there were Ben Olston, Morris Jeffers, Mary Sanders, Samuel J. Starr and Felix Duncan.

Sixty-two years ago his father was coming home from Stilwell one night and was run over by a train at the Baron crossing. He was buried in the Whitmire Cemetery in the Christie Community.

Addielee town at one time did exist about a mile south of his home.

But time and progress have swallowed it up and nothing remains now.

When it was enjoying the pleasures and fruits of its labors, Addielee had two general stores, blacksmith shop, Jim Butterworth Hotel, post