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INFORMANT: ARCH SEQUICHIE, CHEROKEE
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SUBJECT: NOWATA COUNTY HISTORY

For most of his life, Arch has been in Nowata County, and was raised on the east side of upper Verdigris River. Few other people of his time have known this country as has Arch. From the 1920's to the 1950's he was with the county law enforcement department. He served ar various times as deputy sheriff, and for 16 years was the elected County Sheriff. At one time he knew nearly every Cherokee, Delaware, and Shawnee Indian of the area, as well as the white people and the Negroes of the Big Creek county. He talks at random on many things of the past.

His father was Charles Sequichie, and an uncle, Joe Sequichie, traveled much over the wide prairies from the Verdigris River to the Osage county, but little is known about them. He does tell that they were both buried at the Silver Lake Cemetery, an old burial ground south of Bartlesville.

Without judging them by their professions, other well known men have lived in Nowata County. Bob Dalton, associated with the Dalton Gang and Cole Younger who came from the Younger Bend country of southern Muskogee County were in and out of this area. From what Arch tells they came in one too many times, and he tells that both are buried in the Taylor Cemetery southwest of Nowata. He says one grave is marked with a flat sandstone and reads, "Cole Younger born March 1, 1863." Another of the early day personalities was "Cherokee Bill," who lived up in the Big Creek country at Patrick Ford. As has been told before, his real name was Crawford Goolsby. His ancestry is uncertain, but it is believed he was part Mexican, part Creek Indian, and part Negro. Whatever his lineage, he became one of the meanest of early day outlaws. When he was sentenced to be hung at Ft. Smith by Judge Parker, the Judge said to