

after his retirement, many former prisoners who were in his jail came by to visit him. He tells that three men found dead in far away places were identified by fingerprints he had taken when they were in his jail.

In the days of the Indian Territory lands bordering on the Verdigris River were home to many Indians. A strip of land ten miles wide and 30 miles long on both sides of the river was; and still would have been, the Delaware Nation if the white man government had kept its treaty and promise. When the Shawnees were forced to move out of Kansas, many settled across what is now the northern part of Nowata County. Since it was part of the Cherokee Nation, many of that tribe could be found in most any part of the country. Mr. Sequichie talks about the many old Indian grave yards he has seen and known about in his time in that country, but nearly all have disappeared now. Some of these may have dated from a time shortly after the Cherokees came here in about 1840. Much of this part of the country at one time was fine prairie grassland, well serving the needs of the Indians to raise their livestock. Yet it was bad too for the Indian, for like a powerful magnet it drew the white cattlemen from all directions, the government permitting them to run their large herds of cattle on Indians lands. Of course the Indians were supposed to be paid for those grazing rights, but the government did not enforce their own rules and regulations. In some cases, it has been shown that through the mechanics of white man government some of the big cattlemen ended up owning the big tracts of land. Perhaps the discovery of oil in Nowata County spelled the end of any hope that the Indians would ever have their own place under the sun. In more recent years the government put the last nail in the Indians coffin when they took all of the upper Verdigris River Valley for the Oologah Dam and Reservoir project. Little did the Shawnees and Delawares realize when they were moved here in the 1860's that in just 100 years their identity as Indian communities would be wiped out forever.

Once there was the little village of Childers. Located at the bottom of the