

west slope of a big bald hill in northeastern Nowata County, it served a large area of that frontier country. Here the Childers, Craigs, Balls, Rogers, Armstrongs, and many others lived at one time. The big white Childers General Store and the nearby Childers Post Office could be seen for miles, so relate those who knew the country long ago. Just north of the settlement was the Childers school, which later was moved two miles south to be on the Jefferson Trail highway. Just beyond the first school was the Childers Community Church. No trace of old Childers remain, and now even the last school is being torn down. Not too far northwest of Childers, the Spencer family had their Indian land allotment. Al Spencer came from this family, and he traveled with the Dalton gang. Arch says Al met up with Wolfe George Martin and Wolfe killed him in a gun fight.

In talking about the little towns of long ago that have now disappeared, he mentions Ruby which was located in western Nowata County and almost on the Craig County line. Coody's Bluff, David, and Alluwe have long been gone and are only memories to those who knew them. Watova and Glenoak seem to be declining fast.

It was in the old Alluwe community that the Rev. Charles Journeycake made his home, and he also established the first trading post and post office there. About a mile north of New Alluwe a historical monument was placed along new Highway # 26, which reads in part, "1200 feet east, 300 feet north stands the residence built in 1867, former home of Rev. Charles Journeycake, and his wife, Jane Sosha Journeycake. He was the last tribal chief of the Delawares, and Pastor of the first Delaware Baptist Church in Indian Territory. On April 18, 1867 the Delaware-Cherokee Agreement was made and the tribe moved from Kansas to Indian Territory." When the original town of Alluwe was wiped out by the government's Oologah Dam Project, a New Alluwe was located three miles east, and many of the residents of the old town moved to the new location to start life anew. Many of the people of this community wanted the old Journeycake