

A monument in the center of the Sageeyan Cemetery pays tribute and honor to the early pioneers, and is inscribed

In Sacred Memory
To Those Pioneer Families
Who Established This
Community Cemetery
SAGEEYAH
Indian Territory
October 1880

At one time there lived many families in this rich and fertile Verdegris River Valley. Some of those early families were the Hanes, Eye, Robertson, Miller, Cochran, Sanders, Casey, and Main.

Farming was and perhaps has always been the industry of the Sageeyan area. The flat valley was ideal for growing wheat, oats, corn and cotton. Broomcorn, sorghum cane and the maize grains also thrived equally well here. In more recent years the principal crop is soy beans and corn. Yet there was a time in the early 1800s when this land was beautiful and undisturbed. ~~Wild game.~~ Wild game was plentiful, and the Verdegris River was unspoiled by mud and oil. The Osages were perhaps the first to live along this river, and later the Cherokees and Delawares.

The pioneers would never recognize Sageeyan to-day. No passenger trains, no busses, no general stores, in fact little remains to-day of Sageeyah. Highway 88 was moved to the east because of the Oologah Dam, farming is done mostly by large operators, and few people live here now. A school, a church, and a cemetery are all that remain of this once populated and thriving community. In the not too distant future all that will remain of Sageeyan will be its city of the dead, and a people and a way of life will have passed from this valley.