

Mrs. Egnor's great grandmother came to Indian Territory on the Trail of Tears March. She was Elizabeth Jones Hampton. She walked all the way followed by her slaves who wanted to come with her. The negro slaves were named Martin and David. From Mrs. Egnor's records it is said that Mrs. Hampton owned 1,000 slaves at her Georgia plantation. She brought a truck full of Confederate money with her, but it was of no value in the Indian Territory. She tells that during the March when crossing a big river Mrs. Hampton set in a boat and lead her prize bull across by hooking her fingers in his nose while the two slaves swam behind coaxing him along.

Mrs. Egnor showed a picture of freight unloaded on the Frisco rail siding at White Oak before the depot was built. In another picture is an old store building in the back of which was a barber shop. Also she had a picture taken from inside the barber shop showing the atmosphere of long ago. In the view of Main Street somewhere around 1900 or before there is also shown the blacksmith shop, a lumber yard, and the old hotel which still stands.

The first school in White Oak was a rock building located up on the hill at the south end of town. When it burned a frame building was built where the present White Oak School is now, but was replaced many years ago with the sandstone building. Mrs. Egnor attended the first school built in the town, which was a subscription school. Wilma Haynes was the teacher at the little school when Nola started. A few non-Indians attended the school and they paid 75¢ a month to attend.

On a vacant business lot adjoining Mrs. Egnor's property there once stood the town's pool and recreation hall. It was in this pool hall that a Bill Richardson killed a man. It was in front of the pool hall that Willie Brown, an outlaw, lost out in a gun fight, and he was carried over to the White Oak Cemetery two miles up in the hills. Many other incidents to break the peace and quiet of the little town have occurred in its history. Being on the railroad the early days of White Oak saw many shady looking characters come thru. The town has never had a police or a warden, and before statehood nearly all the men carried a gun. She tells that her father operated a mercantile store there and he was never without his pistol or a shotgun close by.

While her father was living he done well in the mercantile business and took the family on a trip to Florida. In another year Mr. Jones took the family to visit relatives in Washington State. While there he went on a bear hunt and Mrs. Egnor shows her father and hunting companions with three bear in a photograph of that time.

Nola has saved many articles from a day long ago. She shows a pickle dipper used in the old general stores around the turn of the century. She also had a hat pin holder, corn shucker mit, wooden shoe last, and many other items.

The first church to be built in White Oak was a community church serving all denominations. Services were at first conducted by deacons and circuit rider preachers. Among the early ministers to preach there were a Rev.