

### EARLY SCHOOLS

The first school that Mrs. King remembers was conducted in a room of her father's home. It was a subscription school and some fifteen children came there. Shortly, the community built the West Point School just north of Coker Springs. Some of those who attended this school were from the families of Rattlingourd, Chambers, Walkley, Sanders, Coker, Cochran, Vann, and Walker. As more people came into the country the Skidmore School and the Willeo School were built. The first school to be built in Tiawah Village was up on the south slope of Tiawah Mountain, and Arch McCoy was the first teacher there. As was the case in most of the early day communities church services were held in the school house, and it was several years before a church house was built in the area.

### WALKLEY STAGE COACH STOP

William Walkley was one of the very early settlers in Tiawah country. He was born in 1835 and came to Indian Territory in the removal of the Cherokees. South of Dog Creek and east of the railroad there still stands a very old two story house. It has been remodeled to some extent and is still in use, but at one time this was the Walkley Stage Stop and Station. On their run from Coffeyville, Kansas to Ft. Smith, Arkansas this was a way-station for stage coaches.

### HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF TIAWAH

The village of Tiawah was just about a mile over the mountain south of their old home place. The village was named for an old Indian who lived in that area in the very early days of Indian Territory, but little was known about him. Tiawah town came into existence about 1881 when the railroad was being built through the country. It first