

Probably little trace is left now of the famous Texas road, but Mr. Human remembers this old road before the country was sectionized and new roads built. The old road used to run thru a part of his farm place east of Muskogee. He says the old road crossed the river north of Muskogee at the north end of what is now Hyde Park.

He tells that when he was a small boy there used to be a street car that ran out to Hyde Park, the amusement place of that area. Being on the river, he recalls seeing steamboats come up the river as far as Hyde Park. In that day river boat traffic usually terminated at the docks at Ft. Gibson, the hub of commerce and trading at one time.

In recalling old places he knew as a young fellow, he tells that in his country the schools were Frozen Rock, Howard's Chapel, White Church, and Sallie Brown. All of these old buildings are gone now, as are most of the families that lived in that area at one time. In his part of the country and along the river was thickly settled about the turn of the century. Some of those prominent families were the Harnage, Vanns, Goss, Harris, Lowrey, Crittenden, Woodall, Thompson, Reese, Baldrige, Fite, Hill, Robinson, Tennyson, and Wilson.

Seldom mentioned in historical writings is Ft. Davis. This old fort of frontier days was located on the south side of the Arkansas river just above the mouth of the Verdigris. Mr. Human says some evidence of its existence still can be seen.

At one time Mrs. Human was an official in the County welfare department and traveled much of the southern end of Muskogee County. She says her travels took her into the Younger Bend country and it was then a wild and forbidding area. Unless one has some very good business down there it would be best he stay out of there.

They tell that in their young days there were no bridges across rivers and streams, and all crossings were either by fording or by ferry. There were times also when the rivers or creeks were flooded and there was no crossing at all. People would just camp or put up at some home until crossings could be made.

In talking about the old days many of the old timers mention the 'Humann rifle'. This was a heavy long barrel cap and ball hunting rifle. Mr. Human has been unable to learn the history of this gun, and it could be that its inventor may have been one of his ancestors. A few of them are to be seen to-day, but they are collectors items.

Speaking again of the Frozen Rock country, he tells that at one time it was a great truck garden area. Great quantities of watermelons, potatoes, cantalopes, and all kinds of vegetables were raised there and shipped from the Muskogee and Ft. Gibson markets. Some of this type agriculture is still carried on up in the Ft. Gibson area.