Some of the old country school that existed before statehood of the Welling-Baron Fork area were Hungry Mountain, Willis, John Sanders, Ellis, To-neh, Caney, and Tailholt. Except for Hungry Mountain, all of the other old schools are gone now.

Henry's part of the Indian Nation was not without its bad element. Too frequently there would be fights, killings, and even murder. In the days when that country was known as the Cherokee Nation, the Cherokee Law was most effective. If a man was charged with a crime, the High Sheriff Office went out and brought the accused before the court. Sometimes the sentence for a crime was by hanging. He tells that just back of the old jail at Tahlequah there used to be the gallows where hangings were carried out. He recalls one time he was in town with his folks and one of his uncles told him that they was going to hang two white men and a 'nigger' that afternoon, and wanted him to go down and watch. Henry was just a small boy then and decided he did not want to see the activity, and his uncle went on alone to watch.

Henry Clay's little cabin is some four miles from elling, well back in the woods and away from most of the rush and confusion of to-day's acitivity. Here he is content to live and enjoy his remaining years. He has seen and heard much of an era that has passed into the beyond. He tells of a couple more stories:

The Eagle family lived close to Wauhillau, having settled there when they were forced from their home in Georgia. Old lady Sallie Eagle was one of the matriarchs and when she came to Indian Territory she brought with her Yo-sta, a negro slave. Yo-sta was really never considered a slave by Mrs. Eagle and they lived almost as sisters. Yo-sta could only speak Cherokee, and Henry tells that the Eagles always went to church at Caney. Yo-sta always sat, by choice, in a chair to one side of the congregation.

Some of The Clay people were Arkansas Cherokees, and handed down was the story about a little negro boy that belonged to one of the Indian families. One day a group were out in a peach orchard gathering the fruit. A traveling entertainer was passing thru the country on his way west. He stopped to accept a gift of fruit from the people and visit a while. Among his belongings was a little mule and a monkey, used in his entertainment acts. He let the mule and monkey perform for the folks. The little colored boy had never seen anything so funny, and got to laughing so much that he went into hysterics and died. Fact or fallacy? Who knows of some of the things that have happened in the long ago.