

related to Ross Daniels, an official of the United States Government locally and four other men, contacted to bring about 4000 Cherokees to the country west of the Mississippi in 1839. While they were on their journey weather overtook them after they had crossed the Ohio River, they made camp. The Ohio and Mississippi Rivers were frozen over, not adequate for carrying wagons, livestock and the human beings across. Several of the people were affected with pneumonia and passed away. Among them was the wife of John Ross, the Chief. John Ross had been in Washington conferring with the President relative to the payment of the land ceded east of the Mississippi River which amounted to approximately five million dollars. Quatie was his wife's name.

James Brown lived in Arkansas before the line was surveyed between Arkansas and the Indian Territory. The Indians living in Arkansas were forced to move into what is now Indian Country. To James Brown was born, Robertson L. Brown. He was my grandfather. Father John Lafayette Brown moved from Arkansas and settled in Skin Bayou District, now called Sallisaw and later Illinois District. Which was one of the nine districts of the Cherokee Government. Goingsnake was one of the Districts.

Ever since I can remember, my father went away from home on duty and was always armed. He was Deputy United States Marshall under Judge Parker and he was also a Indian Policeman. At that time he was a sheriff in the Cherokee Nation. It was his duty to bring all his Indian prisoners to Tahlequah to jail there and turn them over to an officer known as the High Sheriff, who had charge of the jail. One of the particular incidents that happened that father said scared him more than any occurrence during his life as an officer--Judge Parker needed a man after the Cherokee laws were put over Indian Territory to protect the whites and some of the renegades, that were coming to this territory to escape prosecution in other states. Judge Parker called his, U. S. Marshal before him and said, "We will need a man in the Indian Nation who is familiar with Indians,