

He recalls the old settling out at Colby's Lagoon on the Verdigris River which was also a trading center in earlier days, but has not disappeared. A trading post was established there by a part Delaware Indian by the name of Ross Kohli sometime in the 1870s, and it was a trading center for Delawares and Shawnees who lived along the river.

Old time burial places in the area were located out part family cemeteries. As time progresses many of these small cemeteries have been obliterated where any of the family has passed on or moved away and left to brush and tree growth, workers reported a road plowed up. Some old and maintained cemeteries do still exist such as at Garfield, Long Prairie, Ironside, etc.

Early day Indian doctors were highly respected and depended upon to treat the sick and injured. He passes on a treatment for severe vomiting from his father, wherein he uses the scraper inner bark from a peach tree limb. He has used with success for treatment of snakebite, a mixture of hot grease and ball brains. He also used Indian turnip learned from his father for treatment of cisterns in horses.

He tells of being in a cyclone when a small boy. The family then lived in a log house. Trees all around his home were uprooted and blown down but their home was not damaged. His father had to race the doors with heavy timber to keep them from being blown in. They were very fortunate as the storm narrowly missed their herd of cattle.