

Eight miles south of Vinita is Landrum Cemetery, established in the 1880s by the Landrum family who were prominent Cherokees on Long Prairie. Among the Indian families who used this burial place were the Adairs, Buffingtons, Crutchfields, Duncans, Keeners, Landrums, McFall, Redmans, Vanns, and the Woodalls. Even before its formal establishment, the burial grounds were in use many years before, as evidenced by the headstone of Chinossa Crutchfield, born 1772, died 1867. This woman came to Indian Territory before the Trail of Tears, and lived during the time of George Washington.

Much has been written about the Battle of Cabin Creek during the Civil War. General Stan Watie and his Indian regiment actually fought two battles at that battleground, one in 1863 and another in 1864. The battleground site is located on Big Cabin Creek in Section 12, Range 20, Twp. 23.

Another matter of historical interest, now fast disappearing, is the old military road that crossed the Cherokee Nation from Ft. Gibson to the Army posts in Kansas. A part of this old road can still be seen in eastern Craig County which was used from about 1822 until about 1890. It was this road that Washington Irving traveled in 1834. Other main roads used over a hundred years ago, but now gone were the Osage trail, Osage trace, and the Texas road.