

in Georgia. John Thompson was the patriarch of the family and the wide community. He was a good business man and buildings stand today in Tahlequah that he built while a merchant. When land allotments were made, John had filed on a piece of land where he had his home in Mt Zon area. For some reason or another a man by the name of Jim Trapp also filed on the land, and through the strange mechanics of law in those days, Trapp got the land and home. This nearly broke John's heart as he moved away to live with a daughter the rest of his life. John and Trapp were friends before that, but it is said that afterwards, Trapp regretted the deed to the point that he drank himself to death. It is not known, but some have thought that some of Trapps children may have been the cause of the land grab.

Some of the people who took over the Indian country of Georgia must have come from the "Hell of Creation" as exemplified by some of their acts. Not satisfied with getting the Cherokees land, this is an account experienced by his 'Grandpap' (Caleb Starr Thompson). Mr. Thompson had finally been able to dispose of his property and possessions in Georgia and was making preparations to leave. Some men knew of his selling out there to move to Indian Territory and that it was supposed that he had some money. Their inquiries about his business and movement was too obvious. He was to leave on a train on a certain day, and he had word that these men were watching him. He had his money sewed in the waist of his clothes. Instead of leaving on the appointed day, he left a day earlier. He and a nephew got away from his assailants by travelling through the woods and backroads about forty miles so he could get on a train at Atlanta. His nephew later related that when he was going back home he met some men who stopped him wanting to know about his uncle, and he told them his uncle had already left the country. Thereby Caleb probably averted a robbery and possibly getting himself killed. One thing can be said for the adverse element in those early days, they were not a