

Spiro Okla.

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Dear Alice :-

In Muriel Wright's  
"History of Oklahoma" it is stated  
that Ft. Coffee Academy & also  
New Hope Seminary were estab-  
lished in 1842.

Ft. Coffee school was located  
on a bluff by that name on the  
Ark. River about four miles  
northeast of old Skullyville.

Major Armstrong established  
a fort there <sup>named after Ft. Coffee</sup> in 1834, & the  
buildings built for the fort were  
later used as the school build-  
ings of Ft. Coffee Academy.

Major Armstrong who died in  
1895 is buried there.

His son was a member of



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It was a false report that R. H. Ward is dead. Southard & Freida visited him on Saturday & he's very much alive, & wants to come back to a Choctaw Council meeting sometime.

Alvin promised to get the picture you promised me, but forgets it from time to time. If you don't mind please send it to me in the enclosed envelope. I'll sure appreciate it.

Major is fine - & we are both fully recovered from the disappointment met with by the Chief. But I still vainly hope for something to fall.

It has been a pleasure to me to give you the meager information I have about Ft. Coffee & New Hope.

Sincerely, Jessie Moon,

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the James Commission you know.

It was mainly orphan boys that attended school at Ft. Coffee.

I don't know who was the first Supt. of New Hope. a man named Payne was an early Supt. there & later others, Methwin, Sheppard, (1875) Gray & Griffith followed in the order named I believe.

The first school building was of stone, just ordinary rock, & later the dormitory or frame structure was built. but I don't know in what year.

During Griffith's administration living quarters for the Supt. & teachers, with dining room & kitchen in connection for the school, was built.



T. W. HUNTER  
JUDGE OF THE COUNTY COURT  
CHOCTAW COUNTY  
HUGO, OKLAHOMA

July 27, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Scott:

Immediately after getting your letter about the blankets you have arranged for Mr. Miller to get for the school, I contacted Mr. Miller and he said he would get in touch with you about them. Surely am glad to get <sup>you</sup> interested in the orphan school for it certainly ~~our help~~. It is a wonderful institution, and the best opportunity for our people to be of lasting assistance to the younger unfortunate generation of our race-- our orphans. Mr. Miller is doing a great service in every necessary way for the underprivileged children of our tribe, and he deserves our help and encouragement. By the strength of your character and great name, you can be of untold benefit in helping to secure means with which to perpetuate the school. We should, without reservation, unite as a tribe to carry on that great work. I know of no greater opportunity to show our christian faith than working for these little children. These children are very appreciative and are making the best of what we are trying to do for them. I want to thank you for going out to the school while here, and seeing the situation for yourself, and <sup>to reflect</sup> that you ask others to interest themselves in that great work. I am sending you a leaflet of what the Savalcade promises to be this fall, Sept. 31 to Aug. 1, inclusive, and hope you and George and Ernestine will all come down and see what the Goodland children contribute to the success of the undertaking.

Very sincerely,

*T. W. Hunter*