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That was done four mornings in succession, then miss one morning; then if the patient were not better, the treatment was repeated. And when the patient was better sometimes the witch doctor would produce a few threads of silk, a flannel string full of knots, a frog leg, or just anything that his fancy dictated, and announce that he found it in the pot, and that that was whatever the witches had put into the bewitched to cause the pain.

I've known witch doctors to say they could do the patient no good unless he (the witch doctor) were given a coin of some sort, usually a 50 cent piece or a silver dollar. Or he would ask for a red silk handkerchief, or 10 yards of calico, or a length of goods of just any sort that he thought of. I have seen them hang the red silk handkerchief over the door, or on the knob in order to keep witches out. But what they did with the coins or longer pieces of cloth, I never knew. There are a few of the witch doctors left among the full-blood Indians.

I forgot to tell you before. When High Hill school and church was first organized, it was right

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where it is now, but after a few years they built

a new school about one mile west of the present

cation and held school there a few years, then built

a new school and ten years later they built another

My father, my mother, and my brothers and sisters

have died are buried there, but I am not sure.

Tims is buried at the old one place, where

Blankenship now lives.