

the last of the dirt to take the casket out, the grave suddenly filled with water and the casket floated out. Since the body was not embalmed the odor was terrible, and they wore rubber gloves to avoid contamination. The doctor got his part done quickly and left. The men stayed with it and finally got the grave cleaned out and the reinternment completed. He says that was one of the worst jobs he ever had.

He recalls in the early days around Vinita, there were no church house. The Indians would meet in someone's home, or if weather permitted would meet for church services in some wooded place.

These are some of the events and happenings of which a full blood Indian has knowledge of, having seen this town grow from a handful of people and a few buildings to the present city of Vinita.