

Most of the older Indians are gone from the Chloeta community. Some of those still remaining are Mary Toolate, the Squirrels, Grass, Wickliffe, Smoke, Downing, and Rogers. The Alex and the Dunfield Indian Graveyards still remain but are seldom used in the Chloeta country.

Mrs. Rogers decried the way the white people treat the land still owned by Cherokees. She says they are always dumping their trash on Indians land so they can keep their places nice and clean. Some of these sights are not pretty, and bespeak an attitude of the whiteman's concern and respect.

In her young years, she first attended Dragger School on Saline Creek. She remembers the teachers during her years there as Lucy Tate, Mrs. Clara Ragsdale, and Mrs. Sallie Daugherty who were all part Indian and well-liked by the children. She then went to Wyandotte Indian School for a few years. She really did not like Wyandotte as the children seemed to be considered by some of white faculty as something unnecessary. She says it was strictly a "cornbread and beans existence." Once in awhile, she would get 25¢ from home and that was a happy event.

In the very early days in the settlement of the Chloeta area, those having a big part were Mose Ridge, Taylor Bark, Sam Hair, Joe Toolate, George Grass, Wilson Rogers, and others whose names she does not recall.

In the old days, each of the many Indian families had little farms and a few head of cattle. Hogs ran wild in the woods, and were something like community property. Then, all the people ate well and lived happy lives. In trying to adopt white man's ways, much has been lost. She says now that even the Indians are getting like the whiteman in that they do not visit and see about each other like they did in days gone by. She