

home preserved, but the government could not be bothered. The old historic structure has recently been moved some five miles northwest up on a hill where it is rapidly giving in to decay, weather, and neglect.

It was to the old Alluwe area that the Campbells came. John E. Campbell was a Virginian who married Rev. Journeycake's sister, Emma. In 1878 they established a home and a trading post on Lightening Creek. Shortly after getting the store going a post office was put in known as Lightening Creek, I.T.

The community of Alluwe had already started, so in 1883, the name of the post office was changed to Alluwe (a Delaware word, meaning, roughly translated, "A better place.") Perhaps the meaning of Alluwe does have some significance, at least today the government, cattle ranchers, and oil men think so.

Northwest of Nowata some twenty miles is the little town of Wann. Across that distance is one large prairie. Many sections have never had a house. Across this lonely land runs Wolf Creek. At one time the Shawnees had a settlement up there known as the Besion community. The Besion Cemetery is about all that remains now, but it tells that the Secondines, Newcombs, Ketchums, Chinbow, Longbone, Brown, Keys, Mallon, Washington, Beard, Besion, and many other Indians once lived free, enjoying the Indian way of life. Few Indians still live in that area.

It is natural that the early day settlements of peoples would be along the main river valley and up it's tributaries. And it is in these areas much of the early settlement and activity happened. Somewhere up in the Cedar Creek area was a place called Blue Canyon. There in that canyon was a large cave where outlaws hid out and lived.

On the south end of the old Delaware Indian Nation, was the little town of Watova. Although the little town never grew it did have it's big mercantile store, depot, post office and other small town businesses and several people lived there. Arch remembers that in 1897, Old Man Heady operated the big store there. Except for a few houses, Watova is about gone.