

Sometime around 1903, Cal Coker, a southerner, came to the Big Creek country. For some reason Coker killed an Indian by name of Journeycake. Soon Coker met up with two other Journeycake men and was shot dead. Coker had said when he died the only funeral music he wanted played was "Dixie," and his wish was granted.

Up in the north part of the county was the little settlement of Seminole (later renamed Elliott), on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. It was here that Bob Dalton and his gang held up a train on Dec. 24, 1894. Jim Mayes was Sheriff at that time and captured Dalton and sent him up to the penitentiary for that dastardly act. In his late years Jim Mayes, a Cherokee, became constable up in the thickly populated Big Creek Country.

Bill Smith was U.S. Marshal in the Nowata country when he, Ike Rogers, and Clint Scales captured Cherokee Bill on the river just east of Nowata on January 29, 1895. It was late in the evening when they captured Cherokee Bill and they found a place to stay all night over in the river bottoms. To make sure they kept their prisoner, Clint Scales tied himself to him, and they slept that way during the night. Next morning when they were getting ready for breakfast, Cherokee Bill had worked a hand loose and picked up a stick of stove wood and nearly knocked Clint out. Clint came to quickly enough to grab his gun and get the drop on the prisoner. Cherokee Bill was brought in to Nowata and transferred to Tahlequah and then on to Ft. Smith where he was hung.

The disposition, outlook on life and attitude of the Indian differs much from other races of people. However, in Mr. Sequichie's law enforcement experience of some 25 years, he only had trouble with one Delaware Indian. That was one Ed Mewcomb. Ed became an outlaw, but it was never known what ever became of him. Arch does not recall ever having trouble with a Shawnee, and had never heard of an Osage in any bad trouble. With other Indians of the Territory days and early Statehood some of them were full of everything except love and peace. There were Cherokees whose last names were Starr,