

Early day families that lived in what became the Rucker Community were the Montgomerys, Taylors, Chambers, Hendricks, Cochrans, Ross, Vanns, and others. Among the white men who somehow got in and obtained land there were the Ruckers, McFarlands, Morgans, Duncans, and Whites. Lands have changed hands many times in this area, and at one time a Berryhill, a wealthy Creek Indian owned considerable land to the north of Claude. Worton, a Tulsa Newspaperman, got control of the Berryhill land, and it has again changed hands. To the southwest of Claude is the big McFarland ranch covering more than nine sections of land, and perhaps the oldest ranch in the country.

Indian influence in what became Rogers County is reflected considerably in the town and community names. Some of these are: Inola, Catoosa, Tiawah, Claremont (Claremore), Sageawah, Sequoyah, Cowala, Delogah, Bushyhead, Rogers, Talala, Catale, etc.

Very few Indians now live in the Tiawah-Rucker area. Claude names the few that he knows, who are the Vanns, McCoy, Sam Ross, and Lowthers. These families might be one percent of the area population, when at one time some 50 or 60 years ago most of the population of the area was Indian. There must be a reason, but we will never live long enough to hear the answer.