

The afternoon is about gone as we return to Watts. Mr. Rogers has studied the history of his home area, and among many places shows where the First Fort Wayne was located. He remembers the stone well curbing that once identified a part of the Fort. But now all evidence of its existence has been removed, mainly when Federal Highway 59 was built thru the valley. For a few months in late 1838 and in early 1839 Captain John Stuart and his Company C of the 7th Infantry Regiment were located at this Fort Wayne. Mainly for reasons of disease and dying troops the Fort was moved farther north to a better location to remain for several years, and in use during the Civil War. Among his papers Mr. Rogers furnished a copy of a story written by Vinson Lackey on FORTS OF OKLAHOMA, which is attached here for further reference to this place and event in Indian history.