

the history of the Cherokee Nation. This picture shows Zeke sitting on a bench beside the old store at Chance, and it would appear that he was in his later years. She also has old records that show that Ezekiel Proctor was a Private in the 3rd Regiment of the Indian Home Guards during the Civil War and was discharged from service May 31, 1865 at Ft. Gibson, and his discharge papers also showed that he enlisted at the age of 29.

(Note: Isaac W. Rogers, a Cherokee from Watts, accompanied the interviewer on the visit to the Bagby home, and he also contributed information of interest.)

One of the most historic places in the area of the Watts-Westville area and near Mrs. Bagby's home is the Baptist Mission. A sign on the front of the Mission (now used as a church) which reads "OLD BAPTIST MISSION CHURCH, Brought from Georgia on the Trail of Tears 1839". It is related that a few timbers were brought from the original building in Georgia and used in building the church. However, in organization, love and sentiment, the Mission was completely brought to Indian Territory. The Reverend Jesse Bushyhead was the pastor of the church in the old country in the east, and he is responsible for the bringing of the church organization to the wilderness that was Indian Territory. Across the highway from the church is the Baptist Mission Cemetery, where the Reverend Bushyhead is at rest, after having given of himself all that man could ask.

A couple miles northwest of the Mission Church was the location of the home of Robert Rogers, grandfather of the beloved Will Rogers. Robert Rogers was killed in 1842, and his widow later married William Musgrove. The old Musgrove home still stands although it has been abandoned for many years. In a large area just north of the Mission Church along Ballard Creek were the homes and farms of the Morris