

Cemetery. An unusual sandstone vault there is believed to cover the grave of Crow Wofford and could be the first person buried there, but there is no inscription. It is told that in the Piney region Major Ridge was on his way to visit a sick slave when he was assassinated. He was first buried at Piney, and later his remains were moved to Polson Cemetery (then known as Peters Prairie).

Mrs. Bagby recalls that she had heard from her grandfather that Robert Rogers was killed by a man named Ross over some tribal dispute.

Mrs. Rogers was Sallie Vann before her marriage.

She tells that her grandfather, Soldier Sixkiller, was a Nighthawk and had very little use for white men in general. Outside of the few whitemen he had some respect for, he would delight in running off all others who came around.

In olden days the Cherokees had a wagon factory, tobacco factory, cider mill, and a store near the Old Baptist Mission. These activities attest in a small manner the resourcefulness, abilities, and progress of a people who had to start life completely from the beginning. They accomplished in a few years what their oppressors had taken 200 years to do. The story of the "16,000" will live as long as there are people on this earth, for no other race of people have ever all lost their homes, endured a thousand-mile march in winter, literally dumped in a wilderness, and yet in a few years achieved the near impossible.