

Miss Lane recalls a time when she was going to Southern Ladies College in Virginia that she and other girls would be invited to the home of Richard C. Adams. Mr. Adams was a Delaware who maintained a home at Alluwe and at Washington D. C. He was an attorney working on Indian Affairs and also a writer. On one occasion while a guest of the Adams' she was privileged to meet President Theodore Roosevelt. When the Adams were at their Alluwe home, Miss Lane and her mother used to visit there often.

In early days she tells that they used to travel across the country in a buggy from the Oowala district to Pryor on shopping trips and to visit friends. The old road went by the Washington community where many Indians used to live. There was a trading post, and a school at Washington. Also there was a church, and a cemetery established there in the very early times. There are a few Indians still living in those Dog Creek Hills around Washington. Some of them are the Becks, Nelms, Tincup, Duck, Wagsdale, Grasc, Downing, Smith, Williams, Cupp, and Ward.

Most of the old places, early settlers, and landmarks that Miss Lane knew long ago are gone now or have changed in the wake of progress and development. Oologah Dam and Lake have removed many of the places that she knew. The historic Coe-wee-scoo-wee District Court was moved the second or third time, the last being into Claremore, where it stood for many years. Lack of forethought let it be torn down, instead of being preserved. Little remains at Oowala to be recognized as one of the early Indian settlements. Only a wooded piece of ground now marks the site of many of the early trading posts, schools, and meeting places. There are many of the old family cemeteries scattered along both sides of the Verdigris river, but they have all been abandoned and forgotten long ago. As Miss Lane has seen all these many changes take place in her time, in like manner will the generation after her see as many or more such changes. And then someday in the future, there will be no Indian places to visit, or Indians to talk to.