

better prices. I remember one time my mother wanted to go to Chicago with him and he didn't take her. So when she went to Pryor to meet him she did a lot of shopping and bought a lot of clothes. We all had a big laugh over that. On one of his trips to Chicago, father told us about seeing the World's Fair. It was 1893, at the opening of the Chicago World's Fair and he was up there and saw a great telescope out there at the fair grounds. I learned later that was a Yerkes telescope, which is now in the Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. I didn't have the lens at that time, just the barrel. He was very much impressed with it. I didn't realize that when he was telling that story that sometime in the future that I would have the privilege of using that telescope as a study at the University of Chicago.

SOME HISTORY OF PEOPLE AND EVENTS OF TAHLEQUAH

I know a lot of Ross's that live around Tahlequah. Mr. Robert Ross was postmaster there and was related to Chief John Ross, Bruce and Biscuit Ross was two of his sons. I know all the family and went to school with him. Biscuit Ross lived at Park Hill on the south side of the creek. Caleb Covell gave land for Northeastern College to be built. He was a missionary among the Cherokees. I know Owen Covell. Henry Covell was his father. When a chief was inaugurated, he made his inauguration address there in the square at Tahlequah. Henry Covell would translate it into Cherokee. I remember one time there was a politician on that platform making a speech. He was saying, "Our land and Our country." I was standing by a full blood Cherokee woman there and when he said "Our Land and Our Country," she said, "Not our land and not our country," and I thought that was one of the saddest things I ever heard and it was true, too. On May 7, 1847 Female Seminary was opened and May 8, 1847 the Male Seminary was opened. We would go down on the Illinois River each year and still do, for the reunion in May. There was a lovers land and a big bluff. We all would go in swimming in