

take care of the wounded prisoners?" He said, "You took two long poles and put them on each side of the horse with ropes and fastened a blanket and the wounded man was placed on this blanket. Then take to his home or Ft. Davis for treatment."

Stan Watie's army apprehended a boat near Tomaha. My father was at Proctor Court House battle near Whitmore School House in Adair County on April 15, 1872. Father had two wounds in separate action. One was a crease that just passed through his scalp. He lost his hat. That was when a group of Indians came in to take the accused man away from the court. The other action was when he had a finger lost--about that much (about 1/2 inch). He was arresting a man by the name of Red Cloud Scuddins. He had a warrant for Red Cloud who was a bootlegger. He was only part Indian. They started shooting at one another and Scuddins shot at him and he lost his finger, at that time.

I was a dropout from one of the tribal Indian schools. The Cherokee Council established first four public schools for Indians and a little later on seven more, but after dissolution of the tribal government there were over 100 Cherokee public schools, accomodating only Cherokees. A particular school near my home in Marble City was a log cabin, one window, a door and large heater and blackboard. The desks were puncheon and the seats were puncheon. The school teacher was boarding at our home when I was about seven and one-half years old. He ask me if I would like to go to school with him. His name was Sam Sanders and he used to live in Adair county. Sanders was a distant relative to the Brown family. Sam's brother, called Mose, stayed at home and was father's farm hand most of the time. It appeared that before 10 O'clock was spent for enrolling the children, who were mostly full blood. Some of those full bloods were my playmates that came to my home quite often and sometimes the larger girls would help my mother. At recess the teacher announced we could go out and play. We played ball at recess. I did better at speaking English, rather than Cherokee, but my father and brothers spoke Cherokee. A half day of school