

Sarah Locust, 83-year-old full blood Cherokee of Long Prairie Community, Craig County, Oklahoma.

Ms. Locust begins this visit by reading from a political advertisement written in Cherokee. She speaks, reads and writes the Cherokee language. Her education was gained from small country schools in Cherokee County and attended the Cherokee Female Seminary from 1898 to 1901. Her son, Brant, does not read or write the language, but does interpret to some degree.

She is living on her original land allotment, and came to this community in 1904. She and her husband, Henry (deceased), spent most of their productive life farming, and raised a family of three boys and two girls. Ms. Locust does not talk much, but does have a love of country life and lives much according to the older ways of her people. She still makes kanutse, dries fruit and vegetables, does hand sewing.

Near her home is a burial place called Military Cemetery. She believes it was established during the Civil War where some of the men killed in the Battle of Big Cabin were buried.