

During Mr. Grant's stay in the Wickliff area, he recalls that Tom Wickliff's home was between Spavinaw and Salina. John Wickliff lived on Wickliff Prairie. Jim Wickliff, an uncle of the boys, lived on upper Saline Creek. The old home of the Wickliff family was at Spavinaw.

After a weekend at his sister's home he was returning to Wickliff School one Sunday night and got lost on Wickliff Prairie, and ended up at John Wickliff's home. He was under suspicion and risked getting hurt, but Mrs. Wickliff knew him, having gone to school with his sister at the Cherokee Orphan Assylum at Salina. The suspicion removed, he was well treated and put on the right trail to reach his boarding place over on Saline Creek.

After leaving Wickliff School, Mr. Grant returned to Flint District where he taught school at Rock Springs. There were very few schools during this time in the country. He remembers that Dwight Mission near Marble City was prominent in offering Indian children an education. Bell School was another of the earlier schools, which was located several miles southeast of Stilwell.

When the Grant family moved to Stilwell in 1890, the Kansas City Southern railroad had just been completed the year before. Mr. Grant says that Stilwell has changed very little in all this time, except for the white man's influence.

He remembers and had known Ned Christie. He says that this Indian was chased and hounded by U. S. Marshalls at first only on suspicion. This then led Christie to really become a bad man, seeing no escape from the white man. Many Indians of that day would rather take their chances than be taken before Judge Parker at Ft. Smith. Guilty or not, they knew they had little chance at Ft. Smith Federal Court.

Mr. Grant remembers the days before there was a town of Grove, Okla. Near where Grove is now there was a large spring in a grove of trees that was a camping place and stop over for travelers. Eventually a store was built there and called Grove from which the town grew.

He recalls having been to some of the District Courthouses of old Indian Nation. Recalling their locations, he says

Flint Courthouse was located about five miles south of Stilwell.

Delaware Courthouse was located about 6 miles southwest of Grove, near the settlement of Zena.

Saline Courthouse was located about two miles southeast of Rose on Snake Creek.

Goingsnake Courthouse was located at Strawberry Springs near Christie.

Coo-wee-scoo-wee Courthouse was located northeast of Claremore at Sulphur Springs.

Sequoyan Courthouse was located at Sallisaw.

Illinois Courthouse was located north of Gore near Greenleaf Lake.

Canadian Courthouse was located about five miles south of Weber Falls.

The ninth District was served by the Capitol Courthouse at Tanlequan.