

Fallin School also served as a church house for the Indians of the community. Rev. John Corntassel was one of the first Indian preachers, as well as Aaron Butler. They preached in both Cherokee and in English. Mrs. Fallin's mother, Laura Butler, could speak and read Cherokee, and would interpret for others at times.

Some of the prominent Indians of the community before 1900 were Sam Bread (he could speak English and five Indian languages), Felix Downing, John Corntassel, Eliza Buzzard (who gave three acres of land for first church and cemetery, known as Timpson Chapel), Liza Woodall, Eli Lear, Polly Duck, and others. All of these are buried in Timpson Chapel Cemetery.

About three quarters of a mile southwest of Timpson Chapel, the Shawnees had a graveyard, established by John Longtail, a leader and preacher among these Indians. There was also another graveyard established by the Deal family before Timpson Chapel was available, and which was located half mile east of Timpson Chapel across Pawpaw Creek. These latter two graveyards have for the most part disappeared from neglect and are now taken over by weeds and underbrush. About a mile north of the Fallin home is the Scott graveyard, established sometime in the 1800s and is still in use. There used to be a church house at the Scott cemetery, but it was destroyed long ago by a prairie fire. Many Indians are buried here also.

Just west of the Estella community is Pawpaw Creek, once a beautiful and fine wooded stream. Many Cherokees and Shawnees lived along this creek, where they tended small farms, fished and hunted. Mrs. Fallin recalls the time when her folks moved into this area onto their allotment when she was a little girl, and remembered the beautiful creek and countryside. Her parents had lived on the prairie near the community of Centralia.

Liza Woodall was a full blood Cherokee who devoted her life to taking care of others in days before 1900. With her sister, Matsy Buzzard they raised eight orphan children along with their own. They also cared for the aged and invalid. Their home was on Pawpaw Creek near Timpson Chapel. Times were hard in those early days, but the children helped as they grew older and they survived some difficult times.

Mrs. Fallin tells of seeing the first automobile when she lived in Centralia. That was about 1907. She recalls the car was a bright red color, and very high. There was a large air bubble horn on the side. When the townspeople heard the car coming they would gather along the street to watch it. The driver wore a white coat, large gloves, cap and goggles. The women in the car wore "dusters" and veils. Her mother held tight to her and her sister's hands, fearing the worst.

Mrs. Fallin also recounts the first sighting of an airplane over Estella. John Mole, an Indian preacher gathered a crowd under the shade trees at Estella and preached a sermon on the airplane.