

his grain ground. Later steel burrs were installed. He believes that Turnbull installed the steel burrs first used in the mill. During Morley's ownership of the mill, a newer type flour grinder was added to the grist mill. At one time it was planned to generate electricity with the water power, but this idea never materialized.

In the 1890s John's father ran a country store about half a mile north of Wauhilla. This was after the old Keys store at Waujillau was closed. The Keys operated a store before the Civil War there, and a Sanders had a store and postoffice at Wauhilla during the 1880s. The original log store still remains, but is not in use. This old store building still has bullet holes in it put there during the Civil War.

It was during the 1890s that the Ky Carlile home burned on Caney Creek. Ky also had a store there. He rented the place north of Wauhilla and reopened a store. The family lived in the store rooms at the new location until John's father built a home.

In recalling early schools of the 1890s, John says that schools were just beginning to be built and operated at that time. His first school was at Caney School. This was an old log school and was located just outside of the entrance gate to the present Caney Cemetery. Another of the first schools in the country was at Double Springs, which served Horn area and Rabbit Trap community before other schools were built. Stony Point School on upper Caney Creek seems to be the next of the early day school houses to be built of logs. John says neither the old school teachers or parents of his young school days tolerated any foolishness as is common place in some schools to-day. Any such activity would have been severely dealt with, including a whipping as punishment.

There were no doctors in his community in those early days. The nearest trained doctor was at Evansville, Arkansas. When a doctor was needed someone had to ride that distance on horseback a half-day away, then maybe not find him, and have to wait for him, or go hunt for him in the area. When the Dr. did get to his folks home, other families with sick folks knew of his coming and the Dr. would see about them all, sometimes taking a day or two to make the rounds. John recalls a time when the Dr. from Arkansas had given up hope of curing his mother of some sickness, and told his father that there was nothing he could do to save her. John's father, Ky, then turned to his knowledge of Indian remedies and gathered roots and bark and made a concoction that cured his mother, and she lived for many years.

remembers his first day at school at Caney. His father and mother had taken him and a brother Tom to the school that day in a hack, and then went on to the store near Wauhilla and spent several hours there. They then went on home and found their house burning beyond control. In those days the school term was only three months of the year, beginning in February.

In the Ky Carlile family there were eight boys and three girls. The Carliles have been good and prominent citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and the Nation is a better place for their having lived here.