

of Lowrey Schoolhouse. The Lowrey name given to that Prairie must be in tribute to those early industrious settlers.

Mr. Lowrey was born on Spring Creek a few miles to the north of his home, in the Rowe Community. His different homes and the number of years spent here or there do not hold importance to him, as he looks upon the rough hills, deep canyons, grassland prairies, and the spring fed creeks all as his homeland. It is this part of northern Cherokee County that he knows and loves, and tells about.

The descendents of the Lowrey family are many in number, and widely scattered across the country. Tsi-gi-ya Lowrey was born on June 26 - the year not known. Each year the Lowrey clan gather at Tahlequah for a family reunion, to which Ned Lowrey looks forward, and June 26 is the date they all remember.

Formal education apparently had little appeal to Ned. What little schooling he had at different times was at Rocky Ford, Lowrey Prairie, Iron Post, and at Teresita. Overshadowing book learning was his love of farming and cattle raising, and hunting and fishing.

A part of the Indian life is the memory and respect of the older burial grounds. Many of these places, held sacred, no longer show on present day county or district maps, but they are many in number. Mr. Lowrey talks about some of these old graveyards. One, unnamed, is in the northwest corner of the section a mile east of Lowrey School, where his father, grandfather, and others of his family are buried. At Rocky Ford is the Young Deer Cemetery. On Johnson Prairie is the cemetery started by Andy Johnson. On Hwy #10 near Scraper is the Molly Fields Cemetery named for his aunt. At Teresita is the Beaver, sometimes called Belt Cemetery. All of these are all Cherokee Cemeteries. A newer burial ground is near Lower School, (formerly called Rider School) properly called Lowrey Cemetery which was started by the later Lowrey families. At the west end of Johnson Prairie is Liberty School, now closed. In