

Nellie Wolf is the daughter of Charley Smith. Sometime in the 1870's, Charley Smith settled in the Rocky Mountain community of Adair County. There he built a large log house. It is in this log house that Nellie was born and has lived here all of her 84 years. She says that old house is over 90 years old and it is in good condition yet, a compliment to the craftsmen of those early days. She and her 86 year old husband Jack live in those humble surroundings happy in the knowledge that they have had a good life. They never had any children, but they have given much of themselves in helping raise orphans, taking care of the aged and sick, and being good neighbors. Mrs. Wolf recalls her early days when she went to school on Caney Creek at a place called Stony Point. She recalls also that some of the teachers at that early log school house were Charley Young, John Wolf, and Jeff Tyner. She says in those days they would take their dinner to school in a little bucket, and reflects on the changing times that children don't do that anymore. It seems their school house was built on a slope and the front was higher off the ground. Wild hogs that ramed the woodlands would come and get under the building and fight. This probably delighted the children, but surely disturbed the teachers' efforts. Just on the west side of the school was the Grease Graveyard which was in use long before a school was started there. In contrast to today's school facilities, the children of old Stony Point had to walk about a hundred yards south to get a drink out of Caney Creek.

Her husband does not speak any English, although he can understand some. Jack was the kind of Indian that loved the woods and hills and hunted long distances from his home when a younger man. Deer and turkey were plentiful throughout the hills long ago, and Jack always knew where to go to get fresh meat. In season he trapped along the streams for mink and muskrat, and hunted