

The Creek Indian influence along this part of the Arkansas never left some permanent memorials of their early way work and progress. Witness the old Indian towns of Broken Arrow, Coweta, Oneta, Hedford, Choska, and even a place called Tulsa. The town of Porter took its name from Pleasant Porter, a Creek Chief of the late 1800s.

Mrs. Jones talks about the early days when she and her husband farmed on the rich bottom lands of the river valley below. Tullahoma he planted fine crops of cotton and corn. Some years the elements fought them hard. At other times there would come the hordes of mosquitos, army worm, and drought. floods, prairie fires and early killing freeze, all to keep them in balance. They worked hard and hard during their years. One recollection is that they only had one old mule and a couple shovels to farm with, but they made a little crop and got by that year. Looking back now she says even though there were times when they had very little, they were always happy, and that was the main thing.

Vinnie Jones was the daughter of Caleb Harry and Sallie Davis Harry. She was born near the river at Fort Gibson. She was one of six children. The family moved to the Tullahoma community in the early part of 1880 where they farmed and spent the greater part of their lives. Her mother's name is not recalled in the old diary. Mrs. Jones married a man who was a preacher. Mr. Jones was a member of the Methodist Church. The family did not own a stove, but had their cooking done in a fireplace.

After the mission closed, the church of Mrs. Jones was the Baptist Church. Tullahoma town and Rev. Wells preached to a lot of sinners. Methodist and holiness churches later were built in town. The present public school was started about 1907, and during part of the war the school building was the first building, which in later years had been destroyed by fire and lock.

The town of Tullahoma has seen a new growth since the war. The old sadness has also been its business district. The growth of the railroad and new highway has helped to bring in many people. At the present address north of Tullahoma there is a general store, a drug and grocery store, a hardware and post office. The town is a part of downtown Tullahoma and is the point of view of the little country store down the highway. As with most towns in the area, the variety of commodities needed to-day to satisfy the people has increased. There are to be seen many things from the area scene in the wake of commercial progress.