

Gone now for over fifty years was the little settlement of Gabriel. They remember Gabriel with its little depot on the Frisco railroad, post office, and little country stores. As the old time steam engine trains wound their way through the hills and valleys to Grand River and on to Muskogee, there are those who believe this was the setting and inspiration for the ballad written over a half century ago called "New River Train". Those who lived in those early days tell that the ride through the Cherokee Nation to Muskogee was the most beautiful of sight seeing trips.