

carpenter and stonemason who stayed with the Fallin family for three years. Charley had no family and traveled through the country. The engraving done by Hoffmiester is probably the most perfect and beautiful hand work to be seen of this type anywhere.

Elmer recalls when teams of oxen were used almost as much as teams of horses in his young days. He says that oxen could do more work than horses or mules and required less care. In the days before Vinita became a town the people of his area would go to Neosho, Missouri once or twice a year to get supplies, and to sell or trade their farm products. The present generation finds it hard to believe that their ancestors of that day were nearly self-sufficient. They raised and grew nearly everything they needed. In fact they had little choice, as there was no store to go to.

A long time ago, there was a sawmill in the Estella area that sawed lumber and made barrel staves. There was lots of whiteoak timber at one time in that country, and this was the wood needed for barrel making. A man by name of John Franklin operated the saw mill for many years.

Mrs. Ironside mentions the old Wolfe Orphanage which was located about five miles west of Vinita. She tells that her father's sister went to school there. Reverend Richard Wolfe and his wife did not have any children of their own, but kept and raised many orphans. The orphanage closed about 1900, and no one knows what became of the Wolfe couple. A white man by name of Perry got possession of the land and buildings of the Wolfe Orphanage shortly after 1900, and now nothing remains of the old establishment. A hundred yards east of the orphanage site was the Wolfe cemetery, which contained some twenty-five to thirty graves. Today no evidence of this burial place can be found, as every stone and marker has been removed to make way for a cattle feed lot.