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INTERVIEW WITH MRS. W. C. ROGERS
Skiatook, Oklahoma
James H. Fleming, Field Worker
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The information given in this interview was received from Mrs. W. C. Rogers, of Skiatook, wife of W. C. Rogers, last Chief of the Cherokees, and son-in-law of Mr. Abbot of Skiatook.

W. C. Rogers founded a trading post about 1822, two miles north of Skiatook, on the south side of Bird Creek. The site was about two hundred yards west of the Skiatook-Barnsdall highway, right on the creek.

An old Indian mission was established four miles north and one-fourth mile east of Skiatook in 1824. The old buildings are still there, or part of them. This is on the exact site of Mr. Abbot's present residence.

The exact location of a Civil War battle is one-fourth mile north of Skiatook and four and one half miles west. C. T. Ferre of Skiatook said he found fifteen or twenty graves there, thirty years ago. Mr. Abbot said there was some McIntosh and some Confederate Cavalry against some northern Indians in the battle.

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NOTE

The battle Mrs. Rogers mentions presumably is that of December 9, 1861 of Opothleyonola and the southerners: Colonel John Drew under Colonel McIntosh and Colonel Simms 4th Texas Cavalry and Colonel Cooper.

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