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Frank J. Still
field worker

Interview: Thomas Olin Shanks

I came to Tahlequah in the fall of 1888 as pastor of the Tahlequah circuit. I preached at Blue Springs, Crittenden, Bald Hill, Eureka and Grand River Churches.

This year the Sehon Chapel Church, a brick building near the site of the old Cherokee Seminary, which building had burned, was torn down by order of my brother, Rev. J. O. Shanks, Pastor of the Tahlequah Station of the Indian Mission Conference of the M. E. Church, South, who used about one-half of the brick to erect a church in Tahlequah. The other half of the brick was sold to Bob French and went into the home now owned by Judge J. E. Parks. The money from the sale of the bricks was used to pay for additional material and for bricklaying and carpenter work. This was supplemented with contributions made by the citizens of Tahlequah and others throughout the Cherokee Nation and from stockmen convening in Kansas at the early time in the progress of the work. My brother contacted them in Kansas.