DAVID C. SHELTON
A biographic sketch
From a personal interview with the subject,
(715 E. Detroit, Tulsa, Okla.)

David C. Shelton came with his brother-in-law to old Indian Territory in the early eighties. They first lived in a double log house near South Canadian, their post office. At that time the Katy and Frisco railroads were engaged in a competition for the right of way across Indian Territory, the decision going to the one which reached Vinita first. The Katy won.

Mr. Shelton interested himself in the pottery made by the Creek Indian women and tried to find a piece with the date pressed into it. He could find none of that kind, however, nor could he get them to make a dated piece. They seemed not to understand what he wanted.

There were no schools nor churches near where he settled. Preaching services were held in a private home the first Sunday. At the services the men seated themselves on the porch while the women sat inside the house. The preacher stood in the doorway to preach. The men all were in their shirt sleeves with their six-shooters in plain sight. All through the sermon a group of boys

sat and gambled but the preacher paid no attention to them.

Mr. Shelton came to Tulsa in 1889 and worked in Bynum's General Store.