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Interview:  
Mrs. Eliza Strout

Eliza Strout, 208 South Scrapper Street, Vinita, Okla. is among the few old Cherokee women who are living today. She was born near Mayesville, Arkansas, in the Cherokee Nation, before the Civil War and, according to the best information available, she is around eighty years old. She was the youngest daughter of Robert Buffington Daniel and Ann (Taylor) Daniel. To this union eight children were born, all of whom are deceased. They are; Oce, Richard Taylor, John Walker, Fannie, Tommy Fox, Susie, Robert Johnson and Eliza.

Robert Daniel was a very prominent man among his people and held many offices of trust, being assistant chief of the Cherokees at the time of his death.

Out of the eight children born to Robert B. Daniel, only one grand-child is living. He is Ross Daniel, Indian field clerk at Tahlequah, who is a son of the oldest child, Oce Daniel.

Eliza Daniel was married to Fred W. Strout and to this union no children were born. Mr. and Mrs. Strout built their first home at 116 South First Street in Vinita and the house still stands where it was built and is among the oldest residences in Vinita.

After allotment of land, Mr. and Mrs. Strout moved to their allotment which practically joins the town on the southeast, where they lived until Mr. Strout died in October, 1909. After his death, Mrs. Strout sold the farm to John C. Starr and bought her present home on South Scrapper Street, where she has resided constantly ever since.

To show you the value of Mrs. Strout's knowledge as a pioneer citizen of the Cherokee Nation, she tells me that so many people come to see her wanting information for some historical book, or one thing or another, that she is just not going to tell anyone anything any more.

Mrs. Strout lives all alone but likes to visit with her old time friends and you usually see two of them together when they go to any public gathering of any kind or when they go to the court house to transact their business. The children of Ross Daniel of Tahlequah visit her often and take her for long auto trips, which she enjoys.