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Interview with W. M. (Billy) McGinty  
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Concerning David L. Payne.

On one of the occasions Payne (David L.) was to be arrested, a band of negro soldiers were sent to arrest him. He told them he would not surrender to them peacefully but that he would to the proper authorities; whereon some white men were sent and arrested him and a few of his most persistent pals, possibly Couch, were among them. One of the party escaped who had in his possession all of Payne's colonization funds and cash. This was hidden in an old well near Hunnewell and was returned to Payne upon his and his friends' release from Fort Smith where they had been imprisoned.

Payne's Crossing was two miles south and one-fourth mile west of Ripley, just up the river a short distance from the bridge across the Cimarron (on highway 33).