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There was an old ferry established three and a half miles east of Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Just a few yards south of where the 62 highway bridge crosses the Illinois river.

This ferry was first established by the Boudinots. Later it was operated by Mart Miller of Tahlequah, Oklahoma. It was operated by Andrew McCarter of Tahlequah, Okla., when it was abandoned then the bridge was erected across the river. Just before the bridge was finished Mr. McCarter had a man hired to operate the ferry. One day he started to set a man across the river in an old T Model Ford, the man drove on the board and the car had bad brakes, so he could not stop and he hit the ferryman and knocked him off of the boat and drown him.