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OLD BAXTER SPRING COW TRAIL

Mr. Atkin helped drive the cattle along this trail. They drove cattle from Texas to Oklahoma and into Kansas.

They started driving their cattle from Southern and Western Texas or from Comanche Town Texas, or Dallas County into Oklahoma and Kansas.

They crossed Red River at Rock Bluff Crossing, they came by "Old Stone Wall Town " crossed Old Boggy stream and the Arkansaw river at Wealoka Mission. They drove due north crossing Virdigris river and straight north to the Towns of Baxter Springs, Coffeyville and Ossewega Kansas.

These three towns were the shipping points. Later when the Katy R. R. line was brought into Vinita, they shipped cattle from Vinita. This Cattle trail was used fifty years ago.

"OLD STAGE ROUTE"

Carrie point to Boggy Depot, Riddle Station and to Skullville then into Fort Smith, Ark.

"FAVORITE FOOD OF THE CHOCTAWS"

The Food and drink of the Choctaws was blue dumpling and Bushia drink made of parched corn pounded to a meal.

"INDIAN DOCTORING"

(Choctaw)
When one of the tribe was sick a stomp dance was held at which they Doctored the patient for two nights, on the third night they had a supper, then danced until dawn.