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An interview of Sandy Fife, age 61,
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I have often heard talk of the trail called the Osage War trail. It was said that the war trail began in the northern part of what is now Oklahoma and came into the vicinity of the Thewahlee tribal town settlement

It was said that the Osage often caused trouble with other tribes so that they could become the owners of choice bits of land. The Osages would bunch up and ride up and down in and near the settlements which they wished to drive off and have a battle with. Their manner of declaring hostile feelings was to take their hatchets in their upraised hands and shake it as a war sign.

The Indians of the Thewahlee tribal town finally got tired of these Osages and trouble makers so that they finally reorganized forces to drive the Osages out of their vicinity.

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The battle was fought between the Thewahlee tribal town and the Osages right in a small valley near the present Dustin, Oklahoma, where the Osages were massacred. It was told that during this time, two of the Osage warriors tried to escape but were killed a short distance from the battle scene and it was in later years that some bones were discovered which were believed to have been the bones of these two warriors.