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Charley Lena

Charley Lena; Now living near Wewoka, $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile west of Wewoka cemetery on Hiway 70, was borned in Seminole Co, near Wewoka July 23, 1867, Father died December, 1870, Attended school at Mekokey Academy Mission 5 Miles north of Wewoka, the BLDG is still in use for school of the Indian Children.

Chief's of the Seminole tribe; Johnnie Csicsco,

Johnnie Csibber, John Brown, These were the Chief's that served from 1888 to 1895, (He could not give exact date on their term) Chief Sam Henny served 1895-1897.

Early day law enforcement; the Punishment for law breakers in the early days was first offence was to cut off the ears, second was to cut off end of nose, third put to death, If a man committed a murder, He was shot, the father of the slain man cleaned and loaded the gun to kill him with, the Prisoner was blindfolded stood facing the two men about 7 feet apart when the signal was given both men fired at the same time neither knowing which had fired the fatal shot.

Old whipping post; A large pecan tree stands on the court house lawn in Wewoka, Seminole County where the Seminole tribe punished their prisoners by whipping them.

Law rules after the civil war; New rules were made by the Tribeman to furnish by the way of the whipping lash, First offence was for the offender to be tied with hands to a high limb, feet together, He was given 25 lashes by one man and then another man would give him 25 lashes making a total of 50 licks, Second offence the prisnor would receive 100 licks, Third offence he would receive 150 lashes, fourth he would be put to death, Charley Lena, was serving as judge when an old Negro 84 yrs was tried for stealing a hog, He was found guilty and sentence to 50 lashes, He died while receiving his punishment, some of the people criticise Mr. Lena but he proved that this was the law and that there was no age limit to the punishment.

Stamp dance ground; one is located 1 mile west of Yeager another 1 mile south of Spaulding, These are still being used for their dance ground in Hughes Co.

Old Church BLDG; that was built in the 1890 S-W of Wewoka by the Babbist, and is now being used for a dwelling during the meeting, they have a new Church BLDG.