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JAMES STARR KILLED BY A MOB  
AT HIS HOME IN SECTION 26  
TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH RANGE 26 E.

Mrs. Ellen Walkingstick relates the story, as her parents related it to her. She remembers none of the man's names, who composed the mob, except that of the leader, a man by the name of Stan, a Cherokee.

There had been some trouble between James Starr and some others. Just what the trouble was we could not learn; however, one day Stan and some of his friends were drinking and came over to James Starr's home and the trouble started. Guns began to fire and of course Starr could not hope to stand out against such odds but he did his best and when the battle was over, Starr and his thirteen year old son, Buck, were dead.

The sons of James Starr swore they would get every one of the mob. The oldest daughter told the leader right then that some day she would have the satisfaction of having his scalp and accordingly told her brothers to be sure to bring the scalp of the leader to her as she had promised the day he killed her father that she would have his scalp and she wished to keep her promise.

One by one the members of the mob were killed, except one who they never did get but when they got the leader they brought the scalp to their sister as she had requested.

Later Tom Starr became an Outlaw and was at large for a number of years.

( Information by James and Ellen Walkingstick )