

Meta Chestnutt Sager, 1528 South 7th Street;
Chickasha, Oklahoma. Born, September 8, 1863, North
Carolina. Parents, Lemuel Allen and Almeda Chastnutt.
White.

MRS. SAGER'S STORY.

My parents never came to Oklahoma.

"I established a school at Silver City, Ind. T.

Sept 8, 1889, moved to Minco 1890 & continued the
school 30 yrs in unbroken succession

"Silver City Cemetery is an old Indian graveyard
The Halfmoon Ranch & C. B. Campbell ranch raised noted
race Horses.

"There was a Church of Christ and a Catholic
Church at Minco which began with the settlement of
the town. Later a Methodist Church was established.

"There was an old ford across the Canadian River
near Happy Hollow, the ranch home of J. N. and Adelaide
Bond, parents of R. Bond of the Corporation Commission

"The Minco minstrel edited by L. N. Hornbeck was
the first newspaper of Grady County Chickasha Express was
next Chickasha Star a Republican paper was third and The
College Student put out by E. C. Meta Bond College at
Minco was next.

"The first wedding in what is now Grady Co. was at Minco, Henry McList, a Chickasaw Indian, a cousin of Dick McList, and Cora Aber. The next was J. H. Tuttle and Carry Campbell at the ranch home of C. L. Campbell, father of the bride at his ranch home near what is now Tabler. The ceremony was performed by Father Vincent. All the cow punchers and about every body else was there. The Feast was spread at sunset and the folks danced on a big platform out in the open by a big bonfire until daylight.

"Roads in those days were just ruts across the prairies. When the first automobiles came to Minco when we started out we took along an axe to cut brush to put under the wheels when we got stuck in branches we had to cross and a spade to dig down high centers. No road work was done. When a rut got too deep to manage we just made another trail parallel on the level ground.

"Mail was brot to Silver City by stage once a week from Marcel[l] by stage, and to Minco from points west by stage until the R. R. came into play.

"Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian missions were established at, or near, Anadarko before statehood"