

Mrs. Luke Sixkiller, Fairland, Oklahoma. The Indian girl of 1855. No other information given.

The following letter came in response of a questionnaire:

"I shall Interduce my self as the widow of Luke Sixkiller. Luke Sixkiller was the son of Red Bird Sixkiller. Red Bird was circuit judge in 1869, the Sixkillers were old settlers From georgia

"My maiden Name was Emma J. Blythe. My Father was A. E. Blythe. A E Blythe was the son of Billy Blythe. Billy Blythe married Nancy Fields, Dick fields' daughter., Nancy Fields was all most a full blood. The fields were Georgia Indians. Its the Dick fields that was a Land grant case now in D. C. I am his grand Daughter

"so I was Borne in 1855 in what was then know[n] as the Nutral Land. also known as the Kansas strip. in time of the civil war my mother mouved to Tahuqah [Tahlequah ?] my Father went to the war. My Father Died in the war. so I was Raised By My Mother.

"My Mother was Mary Jane Millsap. My Mothers Mother was a Moon, Ruby [?] Moon.

"My Mother was a full-Blooded whitewoman My Mothers people was all Teniseims [Tennesseeians ?]

"From 3 years old, I have lived all my life in the Cherokee Nation I am Cherokee Indian. By Blood. and I am on all the Cherokee Rolls. Raised and Schooled at Talaquh, our Capital till State Hood. in 1870 I married Luke Sixkiller and we moved on grand River lived near Dr Mcnaus [?] Ferry on grand River. Moved from grand River to Vinita to school our children From Vinita to Afton From Afton to Fairland where Luke Sixkiller died 14 years ago. and I am the little Indian girl

"From here on I'll tell u a Bout my girl hood days How happy I was, as cheeful as a girl could, chasing the Bee and the Butter Fly From Roses to Poses with a sparkling Eye and a pure hart. I roved wood land and preary sang like a lark to my harts content. the war was over. and I was not a Fraid no more

"the generation From 1937 may want to know what our grand mothers and mothers Had to Eat and wair During the civil war our coffee was wheat Bran or Roasted corn till it was Black. ground in to course grainy meal. was ground-- was our coffee. our tea was Spice wood bush tea Sweetened with molases Maid From punkins. our wheat Bread was 10 Dollers a Hundred, an couldnt be got verry often at that. Price, our meet was fish, and wild turkey

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and Deer some time Beef or Rabbits. our clothes was very Scant as the Soldiers kept the people Robed so clean we Had no chance to make clothes our Homes was Burned. Our cattle was Driven a way, our Hogs was Killed. our milk cows was shot. Down our children cryed for Being Hungry.

our Beds was taken from us. Mothers Set up all night to keep Fires to keep from Freezing. our Horses was taken out of the plow, our crops growd up in weeds. Such was the Terrows of war Some asked what a Bout the Laws. Before the war our Laws was transacted at Tallahqah calld the capatal of our grait-ation. in the center of the town was a town Sqar and Every corner was a Neatly Hued log l, Room house. in them 4 log houses, all the Laws of our Nation was made. when the war came 2 of those Houses was Burned to the ground. after the war a stone building was Built in that town square Bob Knight was the leading man on that capital our leading men of the country at that time as Deligates to Washington was Chief Ross H D Reese and Bill pen Adair and Clem Van they was Dependiable our Leading Merchants was John Stapler Mr gulagar and Bob Ross our leading Docturs

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was Dr Losier and Doctur Tompson our Best stock men
was Mr Ratlingou(r)d Mr Wolf and Mr Howell our Best
Millers was Mr Ray. and Mr Helter Brand. our Best
Hotell was the widow Taylor she had a 2 sto(r)y Brick
House our cemenry was Badly Delapidated During the war
For a long time the Masonic hall was used For church
all so For public school. Miss Many Lipe was our First
teach(e)r Mrs Lucinda Ross our next teacher

"Miss Wilson was next and our best teach(e)r by that
time the cimenry. was ReBuilt and thi gs was improving
a ga(i)n.

"Illinois River never Had no bridge or Ferry Boats.
grand River Had Carys (?) Bridge, and Clauses (?) Ferry.
and Browns Ferry, and Harlins Ferry Mack Nairs Ferry. and
Vans Ferry. and Fort gibson Ferry.

"We Had only 2 churches in that part of the territory
the Babtist Mis(s)ion and the united Brothern who was sent
From North Carlina Salim North Carlina was head quarters

"the Babtist Minister was John Jones stationed at
talaquh

"By that time we had School contest our best Speller
was a small girl Nancy Buttler John Buttlers Sister. Nancy

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Spelled Down 5 Schools and all the the Directors and her
Prize was a Horse and New Saddle and Bridle it shure was
a Buty when it was led out your writer was given a
Butiful Vace For Being the Best behaved girl, and Mary
Stapler was Reward with 10 Dollers for being the prettiest
girl. and Peet Fields was Rewarde(d) For being the
slowest child in School. his Reward was a suit of new clothes.
and georg(e) Gields was Rewarded For Being so quick in
Figures georg(e) made a Lawyer george was peets brother

"I dont know much about the Dattlefields I herd the
cannons Rore But I didnt know wher the fight was

"preary grove is one field. money grove an other.
Fort gibson an other. Van Burin and peridge. thats all I
know I can Rember meny Hard Ships caused from the civil war

"Family Cemetrys — people Before the war Burried
there Dead clost to their homes and who eve had any Dead
First there is w ere Ever'Body Put there Dead all the Dead
was laid to Rest in H D Reeses cemetry till it was full
then the town made a Town cemetry for lalaquah. then there
was a park Hill cemetry. started that was called Ross's
cemetry, and there was one called McNairs cemetry on grand
River and one South of Locust grove called Markems cemetry
clost to Markems sault works then there is Sealards yard

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McLautons cemety and Lunday cemetry those re all the
old time cemetrys I Rember of Any sise

"Sault work I Dont know of out 2 in territo[ria]l

Days Rosses Sault works and markems Sault works

"Style of clothing — High top shoes and Dresses to ones
shoe tops after the war ladies laid a side there Home spun
goods For more weater goods men set a side there Buck
skin pants and and Hunting shirts for taylor made clothes

"game and fish preary chickens set on trees like
Black birds. Deere was seen in 3 or 4 Hundreds yards of
ones Home

"Home stiders was thick after price was made as
church members at church

"gohts town your wriwer acturly seen a ghost in
Tahlahquah when the soldiers kill 4 men in town and
Burned the town squair they killed Watie Robinson and killed
mick Hair all so Burned one man up in one of the Council
Houses there was no Body to Burry them Dead Bodies out the
wimen they roled the Bodies in sheets and Roled the Bodies
in graves such as women could Dig Nick Hair was Runinng
when They shot him and he fell Right By the Rode side going
to wards the Babtist Mission the women Dug a grave By Dicks

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side and Roped Him in it about 2 months later my self
 and a Robinson girl had Bin Down town to grind some corn
 meal on a Big coffee mill at staplers store and we was
 late, there was so meny a grinding. Befor her and I, so as
 We was going home the Robinson girl said look there. thats
 Nick Hair and shure a nuff there stood Nick Hair By his
 grave She screemen and I screemed and she fell and I
 pulled on her and we looked a gan and that thing becooned
 to us 3 ti (e)s and sunk Down Right where that grave was
 We never Did go that Road a gan I know we seen what we seen

"Horse Raceing Dave Doty was a leading orse Racer

"Louis Moore was Dotys aponent in Raceing and often
 a texas man an a man from Kansas would come to Run his
 Horses

"I Dont know who Financed our Farmers

"Medician men Full Bloods used Roots and Bark for
 medicians such as was handed Down fron our fore Fathers
 Doctors was like to Day they use other Devices in there
 practice

"Military posts in an Earley Day I onay knew of But
 Fort smith and Fort gibson

"Trappers Hunters Every Body was free to hunt
 and trap untill all most state wood

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"Mounds I know of 1 mound called the Hetty Rogers mound, near Fort gibson

"Freighting was Done Fron Van Buren to Kansas towns and Back and Fourth Fron Van uran to saint Louis by mule teams and horse teams Fort gibson Furnished palauh most all her Surplys. in an Early Day cole oil lamps and glass jars to can Fruit, in was not known all our fruits was Dried we made candles Evry week out of beef tallow. people often couldent have a tallow candle

"a sewing machiene was an awful luxcery.

"there was a News press But But I Dont know w owned the press

"our highly Esteemed Indian chiefs

John Ross

ucha later [Oo-cha-la-ta ?]

Dawing. [Downing ?]

Mays [Mayes ?]

Buffington

"Luke Sixkiller Served as US Dective and marsell all at one time under Agent tuffs time Sam Sixkiller was lead marshell

"our noted pick nick grounds was between town and park= Hill at what was called the Frenches Spring. on the Bank of grand river. We had bouts and old fashun Rope

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swings. no merry go Round, Had lemonade Had
singing and speaking No ice cream

"the other public ground was on Spring Creek Be-
tween Grand River and Tahlahquah called Webers Spring
Weber was a stock man and he was the First man who
Brought the Buffelow Bay into our milk Herd after Being
mixt they made the finest milk cows and sold For a
grait price at that time From there on milk cows wa
Better price u could tell Evry calf That was mixt

"One Mision site was on Spring Creek between Talaquh
and Maseville call the Moravian Mission. your wrter was
sent to that missi(o)n after my mother Died. I stayed there.
2 years My grand mother got sick and I had to go home
and never got no more Schooling our misionary man was Mr
Mack From North Carolina.

"Mr Mack had 4 in family Mr Mack was like a mother

"You may not Read this as I wrote this mostly at night
and I am 82 years past and have Forgot(t)en How to spell U
can put it to gather to suit u as I only joted Dow(n) the
notes to talk on.

"please let me know if u get this note Book and How
Do u like How I Doted it Down to be 82 years past

"I know its mixt up But I had to write as I could Be
a lone and could Rember of so and so I truly hope it will

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Be of some help to your Book

"let me here From a how it suits a

"yours Truly the Indian girl

of 1855

Emma J. Sixkiller"