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## Sinnett.

Sinnett, once a thriving little village between Cleveland and Keystone and about one-half mile south of Highway #64, was started a day or two after the opening. The four men, who homesteaded the four adjoining quarter sections with section lines intersecting them, met and decided to set aside a number of acres from each of their quarter section homesteads for a townsite. These four men were Mr. Richard, Mr. Lenox, Mr. Blackmer and Mr. Lemley. They had the land surveyed and platted; then they sold a number of lots.

A general store was established and run by Mr. Sinnett. A post office was established and called Sinnett. It was located in the Sinnett store. The mail and supplies for the store were freighted in from Tulsa and ferried over the Arkansas River at Keystone.

Soon another general store was built as was also a harness shop, blacksmith shop and cotton gin. There were also two doctors who had offices in the little town.

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A small church was built with lodge quarters overhead.

The town had a thriving business and was a busy little place for a number of years. After the railroad was built through Keystone and Cleveland and with the advent of cars and improved roads, the people began going to the larger towns and the little towns began to lose business.

No oil boom came to rescue it and in a short time the business buildings were abandoned and torn down until today there is no town there. There are several dwellings still there and occupied. The old church building which is too dilapidated to be used, is still standing but that is all.

The first school in the neighborhood was a subscription school held in a tent but the next year a log building was built by labor given by the men of the neighborhood. A few years later this was replaced by the frame building now standing. This school building is about one-half mile east of the town of Sinnett, but bears the same name.