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Frank J. Still
Field Worker
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Nannie Fields Hatfield was born February 28, 1870 near Maysville, Arkansas, across the line. Parents were James Sanford and Charlotte Fields, Cherokees, who came to Oklahoma in 1838 after a previous visit prior to that time from Georgia by wagon. While on their way from Georgia, Nannie Fields Hatfield's grandfather stopped at Maysville, and the grandmother gave birth to a son 1838 or 39. James Sanford Fields was a member of Council under Chief Bushyhead. Tahlequah was the capitol of the Cherokee nation.

"My grandfather, Richard Fields, came by wagon from Georgia. A Negro boy drove the team. Before leaving Georgia, he got a jug of whiskey to bring along the road. This negro boy kept going to the back of the wagon to get a drink of it. He got an oat straw and sucked it up. He finally got so drunk that he fell. They looked back and he was lying in the road. After he was sober, he told them what he did.

This jug or vase was kept until three or four years ago when it was broken.

A land grant was made from Texas two-hundred years ago to Richard Fields.

Signed: Nannie Hatfield
Tahlequah, Oklahoma

