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BIOGRAPHY OF Dowell brothers (two)  
Stroud, Oklahoma  
(White)

BORN 1874, 1868

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We came to Oklahoma along in the nineties. Then Stroud was located at the far west end of the Main street as it is now. There was a big hotel down there run by a man by the name of Mike Lynch. He did a good business with the Indians. That long before the railroad came through Stroud, and practically any business done in Stroud was done by the Indians. There were just a few whites allowed in the Indian jurisdiction, and all of them were connected in some way with either the government or some business establishment.

One of the main trails used by the Indians ran up northwest towards Cushing.

After the railroad came—the Frisco—the town sprang up. There was one cafe, a blacksmith shop and several livery stables. In those days the livery stables were similar to the bus stations today. They hired out teams and wagons, riding horses, and other means of transportation. The Indians were a great hand to hire these teams to take them places. They had lots of money to do what they wanted, and they spent it high, wide, and handsome.

We opened this store here in 1903.