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IN ADAIR COUNTY.

There is no name given to this battlefield where a battle was fought about 1863. Some of the old residents say that there were several men killed at this place. From the best I can find out this was not a great battle. About a hundred men on each side. There is no record of those who were the commanding officers.

According to John Livers and Blackbird Doublehead, two old Cherokees in this community, this was a battle between the Southern Soldiers who had been sent to the Cherokee Nation on a pillaging expedition. That is to steal cattle for the Southern armies. They were met at this place through a report from lower Lees Creek by an Indian runner.

There was always a bunch of men who were scouting in the Nation, who did not favor either side. These and a few of the Home-Guards who were stationed throughout the Cherokee country were the ones who met this Confederate army at this place.

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At a shallow grave at this place it seems that there are about twenty men buried in one grave. This is on the west side of the battlefield. There is a Government marker at this place but it is very difficult to find. It is out in the woods.

There have been bullets cut out of trees at this place, also an old saber was found not long ago on this site.

The battlefield at that time seems to be on the edge of a large prairie. Some twenty acres was open and here was where they met.

This is located in ne-ne of Section 24, Twp. 15, Range 25. About five miles southeast of Stillwell.