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The old McKinney Ranch in Atoka County is located a few miles north of Atoka. The ranch house on a picturesque elevation of ground, was once the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McKinney. The McKinneys were pioneer white citizens of the Choctaw Nation. They lived there for a number of years in solitude so far as white neighbors were concerned, before Dr. J. S. Murrow came to Atoka.

The Murrows were welcomed joyfully by the McKinney family and Dr. and Mrs. Murrow became noted over a large area of the District of Pushmataha. Their birthdays were celebrated to the fullest. Being childless Dr. and Mrs. Murrow adopted a little girl of Indian blood who had a share in the Indian lands. When coal was discovered in Pittsburg County in which county this little girl's claim lay, she became wealthy. Her income was said to have been \$500.00 per month.

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A few years later the McKinneys adopted a little boy and eventually this boy and girl became man and wife.