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(Ladies hats & accessories) Black-smith shop , one cotton gin, At this time there was no bank and no rail-road. Banking was done in Denison, Texas. all freight was hauled from Atoka and Caddo Indian Territory.

Later- About 1900 a branch of the Rock Island Rail-Road was built from Haileyville to Ardmore, Ind. Terr.
The camp site where the rail-road workers located was on the creek just South of where the Repeater Station now stands.

When the track was being laid through the Town near the Presbyterian Church where school was in session, the school was turned out for the pupils to watch the laying of the track. Which was a RED-Letter for the school. I was one of those pupils.

I might say here that the Presbyterian Church was located just East of the track of where Mr. Donnie Young lived. And across the branch from the business part of town.

New Town:

When the rail-road was finished, the Depot was located where Dennie Angel now lives. It was across the branch North of Old Town and out in the Country. Where our town is now located, was then a cotton field.

The business people realized to expand, they would have to move near the Depot and where they would have better and more room for building a better town.

In 1902 , the present Town-Site was surveyed and laid off, covering, 42,500 acres of land, J. T. Payne Surveyor June 4, 1902. And approved July 26, 1902 by Department of The Interior, Washington, D. C. Signed by Thomas Ryan, Acting Secretary.

Wapanucka grew rapidly through the years 1902-1929, population 1,600 to 2,000. Had large mercantile establishments in all lines, and other businesses as follows.

Three Churches (Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist) three banks (First National Peoples National Bank, and Banking and Trust Co.)

Three cotton gins (2 square bales and 1-round bale) Lumber mills near by. Forty brick & stone business buildings, and other frame business buildings. which consisted of the following business. Printing Press (Known as Wapanucka Press a weekly paper) Bottling works, Ice-house, 2-Butcher shops, Dye Plant, Picture Show, 2-Drugstores, Bakery, 3-Ice Cream Parlors & Confectionery, Jewellery Store, Millinery shop, 3-large General Merchandise Stores, 4-Dry-Goods, Shoes & Notions, 6-Grocery stores, Furniture Store, 2-Hardware stores, 3- Hotels (White) & 1-Negro hotel, 1-Dentist, 3-Lawyers office, Opera House, Insurance Office, Telephone Office, 4 to 6 Doctors or more. (Dr. Loomis, Dr. Skeen, Dr. Renniger, Dr. Stamps, Dr. Stephenson) (Dr. Ellis, Dr. Reeves, Dr. Clark, Dr. Habberly.) Feed Mill, Electric Power House, 2- or more Restaurant Work-Shop, Livery Stable, Wagon Yard, Pool Hall, Shoe shop, Picture Gallery, Plumbing shop, 2-Black Smith Shops, Land Office.

Between 1902 and 1907 the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf Rail-Road was built through the Town, And Oklahoma State-Hood was declared.