

The avowed aim of the  
founders of Ottawa University  
was - the education of Indians  
and whites alike. Hence the  
splendid endowment of 20000  
acres of as fine land as Franklin  
Co. afforded - given by the Indians  
to the University!

The first session of the school  
opened in Sep. 1866.

About thirty white pupils  
gathered in the Cumberland  
Presbyterian church on Main  
St. Ottawa: Kans - in charge of  
Prof. P. Sales and Miss Lucy Hatch.  
About the same number of  
Indian pupils gathered in a  
frame building - on the corner  
of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Hickory Sts. in  
charge of Mrs. Ruth Mayhew  
and Miss Clara Thomas.  
Prof. Sales superintended both  
branches of the school.

Apparently, all went well  
during the year - 66-67 - and  
about half the year - 67-68.  
where, to! Dissatisfaction on  
the part of the Indians became  
so pronounced - that it was  
necessary to suspend the educational  
work - so far as begun - until



different treaties could be  
effected <sup>with an entirely different teaching force</sup> ~~where the school~~  
again opened - for whites only.

In the interim - the tribal  
instinct - had resurrected with  
such tremendous vital force - that  
it swept the little band of  
Ottawa Indians to the south-  
ward - to renew the relations - in  
Ind. Territory - wh. the coming  
of missionary teacher and preacher  
had abolished - in Kans.

One - Rev. John Leumach Jones -  
lingered behind - to enjoy - with  
his Yankee, Miss. wife - the benefits  
of civilization wh. churches and  
schools had brought - to this Kans.  
frontier.

Another - Chief Henry Wilson  
died - by the roadside - of a  
broken heart - it is said -

He wished to remain - on his  
fertile farm - but a sense of  
honor and duty to his little  
tribe - triumphed over inclination.  
Could a white man have been  
more manly?

Mrs. P. Lales.

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