The Chisholm Trail - one of the most significant cattle trails in western history, is 140 years old this year.

**The Chisholm Trail** was one of many cattle trails emerging from Texas during the mid-1800’s, the most significant being the Chisholm, because it was the major route for getting cattle to market, and it ran from the cattle ranches of South Texas to the rail shipping lines in Kansas for more than 20 years.

"Felder trails," at least one of which came through Wichita County, terminated at one point - Red River Station.

Red River Station is not now a trading post, but it is no more a state-erected monument, a cemetery, and a community church than the old townsite because of the cattle trail's drives caused too much commotion for business as usual.

The state anxious to be passable in most weather conditions.

"The first store was built here by a gentleman from Wichita Falls, Texas, and is heavily furnished with Falls, Texas, and is heavily furnished with one time claimed about 300 stores and shops and school house that served the settlement until 1865. During cattle era, a town with a cotton gin, blacksmith shop and school house that served as a community church for the Methodists and Baptists."

Both markers are signed by the "Historical Society of Flettwood, Terral, Indian Territory, Okla."

The life of a drover was not an easy one, and although the particular crossing near Red River Station was as good as available at the time - because of shallow banks on both sides of the river and other perils faced riders of cattle.

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