

Her name was Martin. They called her Sik Martin. I don't know what
(words not clear)

(Well, they had problems in those days.)

Yeah, they had problems. Sure did.

(They had to do the best they could with what they had.)

Yeah.

(Did you ever hear anything about the Negro seminary?)

No.

(They had one somewhere up there on Fourteen Mile Creek.)

I didn't know where it was at.

NEWSPAPER STORY ABOUT LAYING CORNERSTONE FOR NEW FEMALE SEMINARY - APRIL 25, 1888

(In the April 25, 1888 issue of the Telephone there is an article of the laying of the cornerstone of the new Female Seminary building. And a part of which reads, "And there was a beautiful arch erected running towards town on which were the letters, "Welcome Female Seminary."

The large stones laying around the foundation were used as seats for the big crowd. The day set in raining and threatening, but cleared up about nine o'clock. And not a pleasure or a lady's bonnet was spoiled. Among the visitors from a distance we noticed Editors Callahan of the Journal, Bennett of the Phoenix, the Muskogee paper, Harold Ross of the Arrow, Pat Bryan of Muskogee, Colonel Joseph M. Lynch and Mr. J. C. Buchanun of Webber Falls and Richard Fields of Vinita, Rev. J. F. Thompson filled position of chaplain for the ceremonies. The building committee was Mesers. Thompson, Stapley and Morgan. They deserve very much credit for the handsome manner in which the whole proceedings were conducted. Judge Adair, J. T. Adair was present and there were several hundred in the procession, which was the most imposing ever seen in the capitol city.