

T-511-3 (Third of Four Interviews)  
MARY BALENTINE, CHEROKEE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: FAMILY HISTORY; EARLY DAY SCHOOLS; LIFE HISTORY  
MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION

PROMINENT EARLY DAY PEOPLE AND FAMILY CONCERNING A MANUSCRIPT  
WRITTEN BY HER GREAT-GREAT GRANDMOTHER  
CONCERNING A BLIND MAN AND BUSINESS ABILITY - PHOTOGRAPHS  
RECALLS CUSTOMS AND HABITS IN EARLY DAYS  
SEES A MAN KILLED ON STREET IN VINITA  
VINITA IN EARLY DAYS  
SCHOOL - WORCESTER ACADEMY  
RECALLS LOCATING EARLY DAY SCHOOLS  
WOLF ORPHANAGE - CERTAIN PERSONS  
DWIGHT L. MOODY WAS A MISSIONARY AND WORKED WITH WOLF  
MORE ABOUT EDUCATION AMONG CHEROKEES  
DESCENDANTS OF MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S FAMILIES  
MEMORIES AND EXPERIENCES IN EARLY DAYS AS A SCHOOL TEACHER  
BELLS IN CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS  
SCOTCH ANCESTRY  
KEYES CEMETERY - MORE ABOUT SCHOOL TEACHING  
RECALLS OTHER INCIDENTS OF EARLY DAYS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Mary Balentine was born in 1886. She lives in Vinita, Oklahoma where she was born and raised. She attended Worcester Academy and later public school in Vinita. Miss Balentine has taught school and been an employee of Craig County for a number of years. She is now retired and lives in the family home.

Note: Other interviews on this tape are: Lindsey Mayes, Cherokee  
Wilson Terrapin, Cherokee  
Lizzie Bearpaw, Cherokee