

W. E. Schooler, Non-Indian

Hugo, Oklahoma

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STORY OF THE MAN WHO KILLED 9 WOMEN - CALLED THEM WITCHES

(Now tell me again - It was an Indian who lived out here near Hugo?)

Well, the Goodland school out there was in its beginning. There was an Indian, part Indian, who came in there and was rated as a rather prominent member of the tribe. But he was not a fullblood. And he went to - he went off the beams for some reason. And he concluded, according to the stories told to me - the stories faded out about the time I came into the picture. All I know about that is heresay. I remember seeing the man, but I don't remember ever having a conversation with him or anything of the kind. Anyway, the story went the rounds that he killed, I believe it was, nine women, that he concluded were witches. Then, of course, the law got in after him and they captured him and he was tried by the federal courts. And he was sentenced to Atlanta, Georgia penitentiary, where he died pretty soon after he went down there. According to my recollection that happened, oh about 8 miles southwest of Hugo. Has anybody given you any history in connection with the establishment of the Goodland orphanage?

(Yes.)

Who gave you the information?

(Oh, I've had pamphlets through the Morrisons. See, I went to the Presbyterian College from 1937 through 1940. We used to come from Durant - college girls - to Goodland School and even to the Hugo Presbyterian Church