

girls in another.

(How come you to run off or you didn't (unin') stay long?)

I told you. I couldn't stand these-- living conditions was bad, too. We;s lived in a little old house, you know, an old log house. Beds, wudn't 'no good. Cold. Burnt wood. You know, course they've made it, modernized it up than what it wused to be.

(Crowded?)

Well, yes, it was crowded.

(Who were the housemothers? Or the--who was over the boys?)

Well, the principal and--didja know Silas Bacon, he was--doin' that at the time he was livin' here, superintendent. And they had a principal, too.

(Is Silas Bacon part Choctaw?)

I don't know. He looked like a full-blood. He looked like a full-blood.

(Did he? Well, that's a Choctaw man.)

Big man.

POP: Do you remember old Sam Jones?

Oh, yes, there was two Sam Jones, there. One of 'em was a boy goin' to school and there was another Sam Jones. And Sam Jones, I think, he lived, he lived up around Durant, somewheres.

POP: He's an old man.

Yeah, he used to be a teacher, I think. And well, Miss Bibbons was one of the teachers when I--No, I guess not and there wasn another teacher name of Brown when --and he's from Kentucky.

(Did most of the boy s and girls--did they stay there all year or just during--)

They stayed there all the time. Yeah. Orpahn's school. They stayed--

(Were they all orphans?)

Yes all of them.

(Did you have to be an orphan to go there?)

Yes, course my mother livin' at that time, you know. Course that was all I had.

Just my mother.