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Interview with Mrs. Minnie Blackstaw
Lawton, Oklahoma.

Minnie Blackstaw was just a small girl when her family came to this settlement many years ago, before the opening.* Her parents were full blood Comanche Indians.

She married when she was but a young girl. Her only son was named Tom Blackstaw. He did not live but a few years, soon she lost her husband.

Early Life.

Minnie does not remember much of her girlhood days. She did not have a chance to learn things that she really thought she would like such as making beaded belts and beaded moccasins. The things she learned were taught her by her parents and that consisted of the Indian habits.

Indian Cooking.

In the early days very little cooking was done. All Indians are very fond of meats, especially beef. Minnie does not know the process of curing the beef only it was left in the sun to dry for some time and the time was counted by the changes of the moon.

Church.

Years ago when Minnie was a young girl, she went to Deyo Mission. She liked to go there. Reverend and Mrs. E. C. Deyo were very nice white people. At Deyo Mission cemetery her son was buried. She does not know how long ago. She goes to church at a mission near Walters.

Sewing.

Minnie learned to sew on a machine. She made the dress she was wearing. Her hair was braided and she wore moccasins.