

WALLINGFORD, BEATRICE CLIFTON. INTERVIEW #8297 16

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Field worker's name Ida A Merwin

This report made on (date) August 20 1937

1. This legend was
secured from (name) Beatrice (Clifton) Wallingford

Address Sumner, Oklahoma.

This person is (male or female) White, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe Otoe

2. Origin and history of legend or story Allotment of land and
location of Burial Ground

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank
sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets
attached

Ida A. Merwin
Investigator
August 20, 1937

Interview with
Beatrice (Clifton) Wallingford
Sumner, Oklahoma.

I, Beatrice Clifton Wallingford, daughter of Joseph S. and Mary La Due Clifton, was born in Perry, March 29, 1902.

I am one-eighth Otoe Indian and was reared and educated in Perry. My Grandmother La Due was one half Otoe Indian and Grandfather Augustas La Due was a Frenchman, and before the opening of the Cherokee Strip he operated the toll bridge over the Red Rock Creek, near the Otoe Indian Agency.

I was allotted land in Section 22 Township 22 Range 2 East in Noble County. I was the last one in the Clifton family to get an allotment of land. My Sister, Josephine (Clifton) Taylor, now deceased, was allotted land in Section 31 Township 22 Range 2 East Noble County, and on this land is a family cemetery.

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I know that my father, mother and Grandfather La Due, seven brothers and sisters, four aunts and three cousins are buried there, and there may be others buried there whom I do not know.

At the time of my sister Josephine's death, her land on which this burial ground is located went to her heirs, and later was sold through the court. About 1928, Chris D. Dixon purchased this land and is now located on it and since he has possession of this land he does not permit any bodies to be put there now.

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