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Interview with Mrs, Luella Webster Lawton, Oklahoma.

INTERVIEW

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Cur family, consisting of my husband, three children and me, came to Cklahoma in 1901 from Indianapolis, Indiana. we cane to Larlow, then came westward to our new home which w s located six miles northwest of Cache, driving a team and covered waron.

ie were on the road three days from arlow to our home-

ie did not know what to expect as we had not been this way before so we had decided it would be best to bring food enough to last us for a few months. The food which we brought with us and the wild game that we found, helped us quite a lot.

Ly husband was a lewyer in Indiana and he had served as a captain in the Civil ar, but here, we decided to homestead and farm. We worked hard trying to raise vegeturiles for a supply through the winter months. EBSTER, LUGLIA

services with the Indians at Post Oak Mission in Coman-

A little school was soon erected for our children and our neighbor's children. There was not a very large attendance and the school terms were very short.

Cur friendship with the Indians grew rapidly.Quanch Parker was an old Indian Chief of the Comanche Tribe. This home was about two miles from where we lived. To ometimes my husband would walk over to quanah's house and they would talk, sitting on his porch. Quanah was a very proud Indian; he called himself "big chief" and called my husband "big white chief," because Mr. Webster had been a captain in the Civil War.

le stayed on our farm northwest of Cache for about ten years, then moved to Lawton to educate our children. I lost my husband and later remarried. I then became proprietor of the Duncan-Lotel where many Indians came for the night's lodging. Of the many customers here, most were Indians. Here they met, too, for their important meetings. I learned a great deal about the Indians and their habits here. They rented a large room.

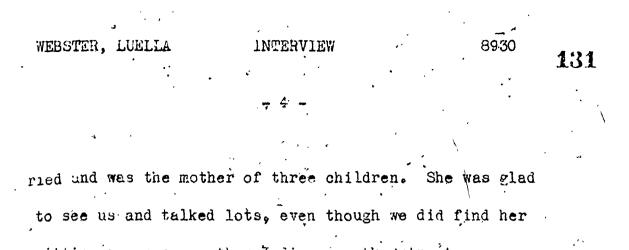
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When the meeting started, one would speak, then the one who sat next to the speaker would talk, and so on around the circle. All had a chance to give their opinions.

They did not interrupt in the speech as we (white) people interrupt one another.

Then an Indian family would drive into town, the woman would drive the team and she would get out and tie the team whether it was raining or the sun was shining. One Indian girl named Sarah decided that she would like to be a teacher. She would talk with my daughter and study with her, too. Sometimes she used my daughter's other books.

Sarah believed so strongly that some day she would be a great teacher, that she changed her dress from a snawl to a dress like that worn by white women. We thought then that Sarah would carry out her plans, but soon ner visits became farther apart and for sometime we did not see her at all. When we wid meet, she had gone back to her native dress, the blanket or shawl, had mar -



sitting among some other Indians on the street.

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