

General Subject: Life History Material

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INTRODUCTION

(This afternoon I'm interviewing Louella Pritchett. Is that right Louella?)

Yes, it is.

(Louella is a full-blood Cherokee. She's 33 years old. She was born in Stillwell, Oklahoma, and she was raised up around Chewie. What large town is Chewie close to, Louella?)

Oh, I would say Westville is the closest town to it and that's about 18 miles.

(Up around Westville?)

Unhuh.

(Louella has four children. She's married. At the moment her husband is unemployed. Louella is employed as secretary and office manager for an office here in town, the O.C.C.O. office. That's the Original Cherokee Community Organization. And I'm sure they utilize her very much. She's bi-lingual. You speak Cherokee and English, don't you?)

Yes, I do.

SCHOOL DAYS AT HASKELL INDIAN SCHOOL AND OTHERS

(Louella been telling me about--she attended Indian Boarding Schools all her life. Did you graduate, Louella, from Indian Boarding Schools?)

Yes I did. I graduated in 1954 from High School and then I took a two year business course at the same school and I graduated there in 1956.

(What was the name of that school?)

Haskell Institute, in Lawrence, Kansas.

(Oh, Haskell. In your course of study for business, what all did that include?)

Oh, Shorthand and Business English and all subjects, you know, concerned with secretarial position.

(Un-huh)