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(If you would tell us your name and a little about your life and your family, we'll get it all on record.)

EARLY FAMILY LIFE AND SCHOOL

My name is Willis McNaughton, and I was born in Indian Territory, October 23, 1882. I attended school at Peoria School House, the old Peoria School House, which is still around here, and raised on a farm. Been on a farm all my life, 'til in '42, then I moved to town. Well, I attended school in various places, Peoria town, for one. After Peoria School, Peoria town and Vinita, the old college down there, the Wister Academy, and then back to Miami. I finished up my school at Miami. Also I attended the Catholic school up here from January first to the end of school that year. I can't recall the year, however. But I attended school a while in Baxter Springs, Kansas, a business college up there. A fellow by the name of Bowman run that, was the professor of that, he was the head of that school. And I had quite a varied experience in school life, and a while I attended one term, or two terms, in Greenfield, Missouri, North Greenfield. So I had a varied go-round in school life. But I been on, was on the farm all my life. My brothers, of course, are both professional men, and my father, at one time, well, he was the first fellow, the first man in the country to strike ore, that's lead and zinc. And that was over at Peoria town. In fact, he started that mine over there. And he was interested in that for quite a while, and farming together, too. But I was the one that was on the farm.