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PART II

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SELF INTRODUCTION

(First say your name and your tribe. And then talk about whatever you want to.)

Well, my name is Lottie (words not clear) Dawes. And my tribe is Ottawa. And I was raised around Boiling Lake, right here in Ottawa in the Indian Nation.

EARLY EDUCATION

(Where was that?)

South of here. South of, east of Miami. Must be about ten miles east. Its kind of south and east. And I lived there until I got married, the first time.

When I was a small girl I think I was about five, my mother died. After my mother died my father taken me to Indian School, which is known as the Seneca Indian School at Wyandotte. I stayed there for two years with the matron at the school, Mrs. Dawson. That's Mrs. Naomi. I forgot what her name is now but that was her mother. And she taken me in and taken care of me. And she'd go home every Friday. Well, she'd take me with her.

(Where was home?)

Well, her home was north and east of Wyandotte, west of Wyandotte. It was the old Dawson place. Then I, after I got to be eight years old, my father married. And then he taken me home. And I stayed there. I never went back to school there then. I went to the country school. Just a mile, away from, west of our home. We lived down closed to the Grand River. And I went to school there, let's see, I think I was took in four terms there. Then I didn't like that. Just didn't like the school. So I went back to Wyandotte. And I stayed there until I finished the grade, course then it was only sixth. You went to the sixth grade. And then I was finished there. Then I tried to, thought, "Well, I'll go to school at Miami." Tried to drive a horse and buggy. Well, I did