

BACKGROUND, EARLY SCHOOLING

(Would you tell us your name, please?)

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(And where did you grow up?)

Well I grew up in Oklahoma Indian territory, was then. I went to school at Quapaw Mission. That was my first schooling I had. I was about six when I went to school there. And I went to school there until I finished, I think, it was the fourth grade. Then we moved to Chou-tau-pah* and I went to school there for a while. And then I went out to Chilocco, Oklahoma. And I went to school there until the eighth grade. And that was the last schooling that I had. And when I went out there to Chilocco, Charley and Ester Daisney come through Oklahoma. Course I call it Oklahoma, course it's Indian territory then. And picking up children through there to take them out there to school. And we went up here at Chou-tau-pah and took the train. We had a carload of kids, you know, from down there in Oklahoma that went to school up there. And that's the far as I went to the eighth grade but I enjoyed going to school there. It was nice. And we had quite a few visitors that used to come to see us from the eastern part of the country, you know. Wanted to see how we did and how we acted. And if we talk English and everything like that. I went to school one day and I worked one day, five days a week. But we always had to go to church and to Sunday School on Sunday. And we had inspection every Sunday morning. And we went out on the drill field and took our inspection just the same as, I guess the soldier boys do. And it was, oh it helped I think whole lot of kids because, you know, you grow up in a

*Chou-tau-pah, is Chetopah, Kansas, just across the state line of Oklahoma.