

T-511-3 (Third of Four Interviews)
MARY BALENTINE, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: FAMILY HISTORY; EARLY DAY SCHOOLS; LIFE HISTORY
MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION

PROMINENT EARLY DAY PEOPLE AND FAMILY CONCERNING A MANUSCRIPT
WRITTEN BY HER GREAT-GREAT GRANDMOTHER
CONCERNING A BLIND MAN AND BUSINESS ABILITY - PHOTOGRAPHS
RECALLS CUSTOMS AND HABITS IN EARLY DAYS
SEES A MAN KILLED ON STREET IN VINITA
VINITA IN EARLY DAYS
SCHOOL - WORCESTER ACADEMY
RECALLS LOCATING EARLY DAY SCHOOLS
WOLF ORPHANAGE - CERTAIN PERSONS
DWIGHT L. MOODY WAS A MISSIONARY AND WORKED WITH WOLF
MORE ABOUT EDUCATION AMONG CHEROKEES
DESCENDANTS OF MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S FAMILIES
MEMORIES AND EXPERIENCES IN EARLY DAYS AS A SCHOOL TEACHER
BELLS IN CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS
SCOTCH ANCESTRY
KEYES CEMETERY - MORE ABOUT SCHOOL TEACHING
RECALLS OTHER INCIDENTS OF EARLY DAYS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Mary Balentine was born in 1886. She lives in Vinita, Oklahoma where she was born and raised. She attended Worcester Academy and later public school in Vinita. Miss Balentine has taught school and been an employee of Craig County for a number of years. She is now retired and lives in the family home.

Note: Other interviews on this tape are: Lindsey Mayes, Cherokee
Wilson Terrapin, Cherokee
Lizzie Bearpaw, Cherokee