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Index side B, recording time 25 min.; interview time one hour.

Informant: Georgia Still, 80-year-old Cherokee,
Tahlequah, Okla.

Subject: Her family, and recollections of early days.

The Still family is one of the large ones among the Cherokees, and they can be found in many parts of the Cherokee Nation. Miss Still was born at Yonkers, in northeastern Wagoner County, but has spent most of her life in Tahlequah.

Her grandfather was George Still, a soldier in the Army stationed at Ft. Gibson. While in the Army, George Still was killed near Ft. Gibson. He left his widow with eight children, and being unable to keep and support them they were given away to relatives and friends. The Adair family took her father and raised him. After her father, Richard Still grew up he married Mary Langley and they made their home at Yonkers.

As the children became of school age the family lived in Tahlequah where they went to school. However, their father would not live in town and continued to live at Yonkers on his farm. During their school years their mother taught school at Ball Hill near Hulbert, and other nearby schools.

She recalls that Yonkers, I.T. was just a little country village. There was a grist mill there, and a cotton gin. Her Uncle, Jim Langley, had a general store, and Mr. Butler also ran a store which also had the postoffice in a part of the building. When school was out during the summer the family would stay at their farm home nearby.

She recalls that her first recollection of Wagoner was just a little place with dirt streets and just two stores and a few houses. When the town was still just a two-store town one of her sisters was born there.

Her mother was from the Langley family that lived up on Grand River, and it is from this family that the town of Langley, Okla. took its name.

One of her brothers was J. Frank Still. At one time Frank was County Assessor of Cherokee County, and later he was the Justice of Peace. Among his other accomplishments, he was a fine musician, having been taught to play the organ and string instruments by his mother. In his later years Frank worked on the WPA program recording the location of old cemeteries. He finally moved to Pennsylvania to be with some of his children and he passed away there.