

I guess, I just, first grade. I never finished there,--I was still in first grade second year I guess and I doubt if I went, regular. I don't remember. (And what school did you go to after you went to Spalding?)

Well after my father died, my grandmother, which is my mother's mother, Cindy Birdhead, had me, to be under guardian, That is me and my sister because my brother was old enough so he didn't have to have a guardian, but we did and when they did that why, we had to move on over to southeast of Holdenville to stay with our guardian and so that's when I changed school. And over in that district or community there was a school named Hulsey and that's where I attended school. I imagine I got up to second grade and then the following year, our guardian sent us off to boarding school. My sister to Eufaula Indian boarding school and I went to Euchee Boarding school in Sapulpa, I believe it was around 1929 and I stayed there till I got as far as sixth grade, in about three years there and then 1932 I ran off from that school and then the following year in 1932 I went to New Yaka school. It used to be New Yaka Boarding school, but it had been shut down way before that time, but some Baptist churches around Okmulgee had reopened that school for Indian children and so that's where I went and I think I went about a couple--almost two years, that is a semester and a half and I finished seventh grade there. And while I was there in 1932, February 1932 I was baptized because that school being under Baptist churches and they were having revival there one time and that's when I was converted and baptized at that school and so after that when I went home I didn't know what to do 'cause I was young and didn't know if I should go somewhere and join myself to a church around Holdenville and while I was undecided and waiting, this guardian of mine who was a big man kinda ordering all the time, why, he told me to to go to stomp dancing instead of--he didn't say anything about church which I know now was better