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CAROL FIFE, CREEK
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GENERAL SUBJECT: SOME PROBLEMS IN SCHOOLS, MISCELLANEOUS
STORIES OF PROBLEMS IN DIFFERENT SCHOOLS WITH INDIANS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BACKGROUND
EARLY DAY LIFE AND PRESENT TEACHING EXPERIENCES
LIFE HISTORY
TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN TEXAS
PROBLEMS OF PREJUDICE TOWARD INDIANS
TELLS ABOUT BROTHERS AND SISTERS
EARLY DAY EXPERIENCES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Carol Fife, was born on December 23, 1940. She was born in Dustin, Oklahoma where she has lived all of her childhood. She attended Chilocco Indian School, Northeastern State College, and then to Oklahoma State University where she graduated in 1963. She is now a teacher at Ryan, Oklahoma.

BACKGROUND

. . . at Dustin Oklahoma, and I'm going to interview her and she can tell about her life history or what she does and what she thinks that the young generation, and so forth. Carol, how old are you?)

I'm 29.

(Your birthdate?)

EARLY DAY LIFE AND PRESENT TEACHING EXPERIENCES

December 23, 1940. I teach the 3rd and 4th grade here at Dustin. This is my first year to teach here, and I'll be teaching here again next year. For the last two years, I taught at Earth, Texas. And before that, I taught Ryan, Ryan School near Henrietta, Oklahoma. And that was, do you want me to tell about experiences that I had here? When I taught at Ryan I think that 90% of pop, I mean, students were Creek Indians. I had lived in this area all my life and I had never realized how some people had lived. And the school was located just across the river from where my home was and where I lived all my life, and I had never been there until I started teaching there. I found that