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ETHEL HOWRY, COMANCHE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: REMINISCENCES OF OLD DAYS; SCHOOLS, ETC.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

PARENTS AND THEIR TRIBAL DESCENT

A EARLY HOME LIFE

EARLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

J. J. METHVINS MISSION SCHOOL

LIFE AT THE MISSION SCHOOL

END OF PERIOD OF ATTENDANCE AT MISSION SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE AND LIFE AT CARLYLE BOARDING SCHOOL

MARRIAGE AND DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIENCES DURING MARRIAGE

ENDEAVORS TO GET PENSION AIDE

LIFE AT THE MISSION SCHOOL (a clarification of some points)

EARLY SETTLEMENT LIFE FOR THE COMANCHES BEFORE AND AFTER THE
RATION ALLOTMENT PERIOD

GIRLHOOD

YOUNG MOTHERS

PRENATAL AND POSTNATAL INVOLVEMENTS OF BOTH MOTHER AND CHILD
ALLOTMENTS (land and cattle)

RATIONS

RELOCATIONS OF THE TRIBES (especially the Comanches) BY THE
GOVERNMENT

LIFE FOR THE COMANCHES AT FT. SILL

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ethel Howry is a Comanche. The name "Ethel" was given to her when she entered a mission school around the age of seven or eight. Before that time she was "Niberwerquyah" (meaning a "beautiful woman") in Comanche. Ethel is 79 years old and was born in 1888. She received formal education from the J. J. Methvins Mission School in Anadarko, and Carlyle Boarding School, in Pennsylvania. Her husband was a white man and that is how she acquired the last name Howry. Ethel is the mother of ten children, nine boys, and one girl. Presently, she resides in Anadarko. A long time friend who is also a Comanche resides with her. Both are now widows. They are also members of the Indian Methodist Church in Anadarko.