

MARRIAGE AND WEDDING CEREMONY

(Mrs. Hill, you were married July 3, 1905, when you were seventeen years old, right after you finished the eighth grade. You told us you did not know your husband before you were married. That the arrangements were made by your father and his parents.)

Yes.

(Tell us about when your father told you that you were going to marry this boy.)

After I came back from school -- St. Louis School -- That he was going to marry me off. He said I need protection 'cause I didn't have any mother, and he couldn't look after me and take care of me anymore. I was getting too big and old enough to be married now and get out on my own and he thought that was the best thing for me to do. And he said he had already talked to my aunt. That was my mother's sister. She was willing. She wanted me to be married off. I didn't like the idea myself. I would rather went on to school, which I wanted to do.

(Where would you have gone to school?)

Well, I was going to go where rest of the students were going. All going to Haskell. But they made the arrangements at the school already. They left me out and I guess that's why they did. I didn't realize until after all this had happened. At the time when the Sisters were making the arrangements for all those students to go. Some of them went to Chilocco and some went to Haskell. And I thought after that -- I guess they had already arranged it they were going to marry me off after that, I seen that I wasn't on the list to go to school. I was going to pick Haskell. Some of them went to Chilocco to school.

(And what did your father tell you? Did you-- What did you tell your father when he told you that he was going to marry you off?)

I couldn't say anything. 'Cause he had already planned it and when I did tell him I wanted to go away to school with the rest of the students