

(Elizabeth --)

Thompson.

(Thompson. Uh-huh. Elizabeth Thomspn. Nancy's graddaughter is with us too. I was going to ask you--you said you went to Wheelock. How old were you when you went to Wheelock?)

They said I was about 8 or 9 years old so I don't know -- Boy, I cried like I don't know what, when I went up there. I thought I was lost.

I stayed there five years, but I don't know what year it was I went.

(Five years at Wheelock.)

Uh-huh. My grandfather was Taylor Durant. He's the one that's taken care of me. He come after me and I didn't know him. He come in the wagon you know. He was old, you know and they all told me they say, "Your grandpa's comin' after ya." And oh, I begin to cry then because this is like my home here. They raise me. But I had to come cause they said for me to come with him. Then when I--about a year I didn't go to school and then he got me in school at they got Atoka here I stayed, I guess, one year I think. He got sick and I didn't go anymore.

(Was that a boarding school?)

Uh-huh. it just--

(In Atoka?)

It wasn't--yeth it was boarding school, they call it Atoka. It isn't in town though. But that's where we sleep and eat you know. And we had boys there too. You know, mixed up, you know. But they building away from our building.

(Uh-huh. Where would that be now?)

I don't know. They change up so had I couldn't even tell. They just build everything all up in there and I tried to think the other day