

EUGENIA LEAVING SCHOOL BECAUSE OF SICKNESS

(How many years did you go to school--four years?)

Don't you know I told you? I got sick and they told me--Reverend J. J. Methvin said, "Eugenia, go home. You're sick. If you get worse, I don't know what we'll do. I want you to go home." Let the Indians medicine you and you'll get well." We don't have no doctor. We don't have no--the government don't furnish no doctor. After the next, they send one doctor named Dr. Hume. That's the only man they sent and now it's all right. And way back I got sick and they had to send me home. Oh, I hate to go home. I rather stay in school and learn something.

(Interruption--recorder turned off.)

(After you left school, what did you do?)

I stayed home. I said I was sick. I just can't do nothing. I was thin and poor and there's an Indian man doctoring me and curing me. And I got well. And I got real well. And I'm all right now. I was so thin I was twenty-two over here--(indicating her waist). My waist twenty-two. I thought I was going to die. And see, I'm living now. I'm still living now.

(What kind of sickness did you have?)

I got the hemorrhage. And after when we have a doctor, they examine me. And my lungs is all right. "Your lungs is all right. Nothing wrong." But you know when womans had their period, it don't run good. That's what it means. It's not (unintelligible word). And see they tell the truth. And now I'm all right. I don't have any--I never did catch no cough. Some of the womens cough (she coughs). I don't have that. When any old people come in and cough, Paul (her son-in-law) always gets scared. "Our mother's in good health and they might give it to her." He always say that. He don't