

THIS INTERVIEW IS ESSENTIALLY A CONVERSATION WITH DAISEY AND JACK. CHARLES PALMER IS PRESENT TO FACILITATE THE INTERVIEW. THE NAMES OF SPECIFIC SPEAKERS WILL BE DESIGNATED BY FIRST NAMES, E.G., DAISEY, JACK, CHARLES. ALL QUESTIONS FROM THE INTERVIEWER ARE DIRECTED TO EITHER DAISEY OR JACK HOKEAH.

My name is Daisey Hokeah. I was born in Caddo County on April 10, 1918. As a child I grew up in the Hog Creek Community. And I want to tell a story about our little church. It originated back in 1900, and the charter members were the Dumbos, the Tartsahs, the Waers, and the Bosains. And they old folks, they used to--they bought all the lumber and--from Chickasha on a wagon and they laid it with their hands and build it. And its still there and then we all worship in the same community all these years. And recently they built us a new church, but there's a story that stays with the old church. A Christmas story. There was a mother praying. One night she prayed to her--that if a death was going to come to her family--that if there was going to be a death for the Lord to take her. And while she was praying with her hands in the air she fell over and died. And the stars shown so brightly that the window glass in the northwest window and there was a halo on her head that the stars shone so brightly--light that lighted the whole church. In those days we didn't have electricty, we just had lanterns on the walls. So they stayed up with the body all night. In fact, they used to keep the bodies four days--and they kept hersin there four days and four nights. Little chil ren weren't allowed to stay there. Just the men folks stayed up with her. So, all t ese years we have always known that our church was blessed. When we take our problems to the church they are always lifted, and a lot of miracles have happened.

(What was that womans name?)

Charles: It was on Christmas.

Daisey: Her name was Dina, I just knew her by Dina--that lady that died in the church.

(Is this the Methodist church thats down there near Hog Creek?)

Chas: Methodist Church.

(Who was the--whatpeople or man started that church there?)