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INFORMANT: MRS. FANNIE WHITEDAY, CHEROKEE, 81 YEARS OLD.
SALINA, OKLAHOMA. FEB. 19, 1968.

SUBJECT: EARLY EXPERIENCES AND LIFE IN INDIAN TERRITORY,
MAYES AND CRAIG COUNTIES.

REMARKS: DIFFICULTY IN GETTING RECORDER TO WORK, AND
INTRODUCTION IS RECORDED TWICE. A PORTION OF
THE BEGINNING OF INTERVIEW WAS NOT RECORDED,
AND THAT PORTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

INTERVIEWER: "MRS. WHITEDAY, ARE ANY OF YOUR OLDER FRIENDS
LIVING IN THIS COMMUNITY?"

MRS. WHITEDAY: "YES. LUCY MARKHAM AND I WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER
BEFORE 1900, AND SHE LIVES AT LOCUST GROVE. I
DONT KNOW OF ANY OTHERS CLOSE BY."

INTERVIEWER: "WHAT BECAME OF THE CHILDREN WHEN THE ORPHANS
HOME BURNED IN 1903?"

MRS. WHITEDAY: "THE CHILDREN WERE TAKEN TO WHITAKER HOME IN
PRYOR CREEK. THEY WERE TAKEN OVER IN WAGONS.
SOME OF THE BOYS HAD NEVER KNOWN ANY OTHER
PLACE BUT SALINA, AND THE WHITAKER HOME WAS
TOO MUCH OF A CHANGE AND TOO STRANGE FOR THEM.
NINE OR TEN OF THE BOYS IMMEDIATELY CAME BACK
TO SALINA. WALKED ALL THE WAY AND SWAM THE RIVER.
THEY WENT TO LIVE WITH DIFFERENT INDIAN FAMILIES
AROUND SALINA."

(MRS. WHITEDAY SHOWED ME A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING
FROM A NEWSPAPER (UNKNOWN) DEALING WITH THE
CHEROKEE ORPHANS HOME, AND WHICH HAD A PICTURE
OF THE BUILDING.)