

one girl and I, we're just a week apart. She was a week older, and we had to ride horseback. And our brothers would saddle the horses, and we'd get to a certain spot every day, and we'd start running a race--we'd run about a half a mile. And then we'd just go--my pony could trot--oh, she could trot. She was a real good trotter. And my dad was in the Council, when old preacher Hogan was the Presbyterian minister. And he came down there, and he petitioned--you know how they did then, they had to set aside so much ground, you know that belonged to the Cherokees always. And so they set aside so much land to put this church on--schoolhouse and church. And they had to approve it. So they did. And that's the way that happened.

(Miss Mayes, you taught over there at the Orphans Asylum?)

In 1899.

(Who was the principal there then, or superintendent?)

Joe Thompson.

(What was the building like?)

It was, now first, it belonged to the Rosses, and they sold it to the Cherokee Nation. And they built a wing on each side, see it was like this. Now here was the main house, and over here they built up like this. This was the girl's side, and down below was the school room. And this was the boy's side. And they had matrons, girl's and boy's matrons. And the teachers--(not clear).

(Was there town at Salina, there at that time, when you were teaching there?)