

(Right there where the cemetery is now? I know where that is.)

Uh huh. That was the school right near there. It was a boarding school. My sisters oldest sisters went to school there. Joe Ross who is living up there-- you probably know Joe. Joe still went to school there. I guess he was one of the oldest--

(What kind of building did they have there for that--)

Frame building. And a dormitory for the girls.

(What year was that in use?)

About 1800--I'd say 1885 to about 1904 or '05.

(Well, that's the first time we've ever heard of that.)

Well. I been wanting to write to the historical institute or somebody. I gave Dr. Ballinger and somebody ought to look into that because that is one of the oldest institutions around here. Did you ever--I know it's occurred to you Jim, that here was a female, National Male and Female Seminary here at Tahlequah and here was Bacone at Tahlequah which was moved to Muskogee because of some difficulties over Cherokees wouldn't give them some land that they wanted you know, to locate Bacone, enlargement they called it. And then we had the Baptist Mission and then we had Tahlequah Institute which is a Presbyterian Nation you know. And those were four or five good schools that we had here in the early days.

(Have you ever heard of the Tullahassee Mission?)

Yes. I've heard of Tullahassee Mission.

(What can you tell me about it?)

I can't tell you a thing about it, I just--I can tell you about another mission too, down there in the Choctaw country. It was--Wheelock Mission, you know, down there. Now that's the thing that ought to be looked into. Because that old--Wheelock building is still standing. Someone ought to look into that.

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(Well, another place that we need to get some history on, and that's what they