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HOMINY, OKLAHOMA

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(Viola Harvey DeRoin, full-blood, unallotted Osage from Hominy)

I think I first went to school at St. Louis school. And then I don't know how long I went there (laughter). Forever. And then when I got in higher grade, maybe in high school, Robert thought I should go to Guthrie, cause he had a sister there. And I made two years there, and then I decided to quit and come home.

(Well, did a lot of girls go there from Pawhuska?)

Ireta was one of them - well, she's the only one, I guess, that went there. But there was two from Hominy that was down there, Delma Slimans, at that time, but she's Shafner now, Velta Twist and her sister. And that's all I know. And one of my little sisters, Ruby, she and I went. She was little.

(Did your sister Minnie go?)

No, Minnie went to St. Louis school little while. She didn't have too much schooling. She learned to read and write. She's got good handwriting and she can read. But I don't know where she went to school. They must - I guess they took her to St. Louis school. She never did tell me where she went to school. I know she didn't go to Mt. Valley.

(I was wanting to get somebody who'd gone to Corlisle and tell about it - in the days of Corlisle.)

Oh, well, that'd be about her age, wouldn't it? Aunt Molly went there and when she went, she was gone three years...Mrs. McCarthy was telling me there used to be a wagon come along and pick up children, they was school age, but didn't...And their mother say...Oh, here comes that man, and they'd get their kids and hide them, you know (laughter). They didn't know what, where they were goin' to take them.