

to come down there and done something fictitious I forgot what she done.

GRANDMOTHER RAISED FIVE SETS OF ORPHAN CHILDREN

(Well, I guess she had to be strict. She had her hands full didn't she, taking care of all those children?)

Yeah, you bet you. They raised five sets of orphan children. Her and her mother, Mrs. Corn Tassel, till she married she worked with us kids. It was Aunt Jane we called her. She married Walker, Ned Walker, and she got out of the family might as well say, and that just left Aunt Bessie and Aunt Liza to handle us kids. 'Course there was only three of us there along about that time. But they had raised a girl. They taken her when she was about five years old, raised her. She got married. Hermene was Katie Walker. And I don't know where she moved to. She might have been dead after I was big enough to know anything, I don't know. But I never did remember seeing her. But they talked about her you know to us kids. And I believe she died. Just Jim, me and Mag--that was Maggie Barnes; she goes by now. She's been married about 3 or 4 times. She lives in Vinita in a apartment, in a tiny apartment. She talks Cherokee yet. But she don't know not a thing in the world. I'll be telling something you know that happened that grandma had always told us about you know, and she says, that's just one thing I never paid no attention to. Talking. Just set with mouth open looking. I guess I was on that order all right. I wanted to know, what went on.

THE NAME NOWATA MEANS "WELCOME"

(Nowata is not an old town is it, since ti was just an Indian agency at one time?)

No. I don't know, it was built up about after the Delawares come in there. I don't know how come them to call it Nowata, unless they might have had it for a meeting place.

(It could be yeah.)

That's why they call it "Welcome" you know.