

over here is a little different. See this thing here. I don't know whether that's dated or not. But they were taking up money then to get money to establish a public school. Not an Indian school. But a public school. When there was enough they established it at the Worcester Academy at Vinita. The--here is Worcester.

(Doctor J.W. Strong founded it.)

The church is across the street from the Academy.

(And this how--how long has it been built there.)

Oh we don't have the dates on that. Here it is now. This is a cradle right here. The cradle that Bill Halsell, W.E. Halsell little daughter, Willie was rocked in when she was a baby. And she died in infancy.

(Uh-huh)

And Mr. Halsell was Vinita's first and I guess only (not clear). And had-- he was a wealthy man. And in memory of little Willie he built and financed this college here. And it was up here in the north part of town. And you can see--.

(I see)

Anything about the dates here. Died in 1884. While she was an infant. There she is (not clear).

It started in 1888.

(Willie Halsell College started in 1888.)

Now how long it was a school--college. I can't be right sure. I know it was still going strong in 1905 because some of our neighbors were going to school up there. Going to college up there and playing football.

(Well now (not clear).)

1906.

(1906--Willie Halsell baseball team. Yeah there was many Cherokees went to school there.)