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LEGEND & STORY FORM
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Nannie Lee Burns

field worker's name

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this report made on (date)

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This legend was **Mrs. Sarah Pean**
secured from (name)

Rt. #2, Baxter Springs, Kansas

Address

This person is (male or female) **White**, Negro, Indian,

Peoria

If Indian, give tribe

from memory

2. Origin and history of legend or story

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached

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LAST OF THE WEA'S

My mother was Sallie Wascolly and my father, James Wascolly, fullblood Peoria Indians. My father died at Paola, Kansas, five months before I was born at Illinois, Kansas. I, Sarah Wascolly, was born in July, 1864 and I had a brother, Jim, much older than I and also a sister, Cassie, elder but younger than my brother.

REMOVAL TO INDIAN TERRITORY

They say I could not have been three years old when my folks came to the Territory, but there is one thing that I remember. The day before we came my sister, Cassie, took me to the spring near our house and I remember the spring and wading in the branch near.

My mother had cattle, sheep, chickens, etc., and she traded all her stock for a new wagon and a pair of dappled gray horses in which she placed her feather bed and bedding and very few other things that she brought with her. They left my baby buggy behind and I cried for it and a couple of years later, when some of the folks went back, they brought it to me. She settled west of Peoria and we lived in a tent till my brother built us a two-room log house. The old place is gone now and there is a papaw grove where we had our garden. Mother married James Waddle and had three children, Charles, the oldest,

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Jimmie and Charlie.

When I was twelve years old, we moved to Neosho, Missouri. I attended school part of the time at the Peoria School and later boarded at George Leonard's and Aunt Mary Gebee's and went to the Drake School. Mother died when I was twenty-one years old.

MARRIAGE

When I was nineteen, I married Lewis Moses Niece, a Pottawattomie, at Neosho, Missouri, and we had one son, Charlie E., who died three years ago.

Next I married Charlie Beaver, a Peoria, who lived only five months.

Next Charles S. Welch, a Miami, and Ben is our only child, now living at Century, Oklahoma.

Next John P. Pean, a Pottawattomie, who died at Miami, Oklahoma May 13, 1919.

Last, I married Antone Greenback, who died several years ago. I still like to be called by the name of Pean.

Mrs. Pean whom the writer has known many years is still in good health but it takes time for her to remember. She and another old lady are now living a mile

south and one mile east of the Devil's Promenade and west of Peoria.

THE LAST WEA'S

My mother and brother had been to our old home in Kansas and as they were returning they overtook Grandpa Wea and his wife, So-Sat, and their son, Bill, walking and carrying big bundles. So they got in the wagon with my mother and brother who brought them to our house and they lived in a tent in our calf lot till my brother built them a log room there.

They went to Neosho with our folks and the mother died there. Grandpa also died with us and the son Bill lived with us till he was grown and began to run around.

First he married Mary Ann Stopwidick but they separated and there were no children.

Next he married Mary Buck and they had one child, born dead.

And last he married a Quapaw woman, a widow; her name was Betsey. I do not now remember the rest of the name. He was homeless and without money and never improved his land. You know the Wea Land there at Miami, Don't you?

Just a few years before his death he sold a forty

acre piece of land near the Horseshoe Lake two miles northwest of Miami, and after the people found that he had a little money, they persuaded him to leave us and he died when he was thirty or forty years of age at Henry Eddy's two and a half miles west of Peoria.

CONCLUSION

His allotment, known as the Wea Land, joins the city of Miami on the north end has many times been the basis of suits to sell, inherit or make some disposition of it and much money has been spent in litigation. At one time about thirty years ago this east forty was laid out in town lots and two houses were erected on the tract but the Government interfered and caused the houses to be removed and the tract vacated and to this day it is used as a cow pasture for the city cows.

The city in its building north has been obliged to skip over this hundred acres which lays forty acres on the east side of Main Street and the remaining sixty on the west side of the Street.

So far as is known this son Bill is the last of the Wea Tribe.