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field worker's name Ethel B. Tackitt
his report made on (date) April 28, 1957

This legend was secured from (name) Mr. Wm. Seifker

address Lone Wolf, Oklahoma.

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

If Indian, give tribe White

origin and history of legend or story From actual knowledge of

early settlers, Mr. Wm Seifker, Mrs. J. L. Cloud, Mr. S. M. Alex-
ander, Mr. James Shelbourn Sr, Dr. Wm McIlwain, all of Lone
Wolf, Oklahoma.

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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An Interview with Mr. Wm. Seifker, Lone Wolf, Oklahoma.
By - Ethel B. Tackitt, Field Worker.
April 28, 1937.

When the Kiowa Country was opened for white settlement in 1901, there was an Indian woman who lived in the vicinity of Lone Wolf, Kiowa County, who was widely known as "The Indian Doctor". It was generally understood that she had been educated by the Government at St. Louis and placed among the Kiowa Indians. Whether she was a member of that tribe or not is not known, but that she had lived among them for many years is known by the fact that she told her white patients that she had gone with the Kiowas many times across the valley in which Lone Wolf is now situated and had seen the water covering the valley from Elk Creek to the North Fork of Red River so deep that in many places the water would swim a horse.

This woman gave medical aid to the white settlers as well as to the Indians. She gave especial care to women and children and it seemed that was her mission.

A number of persons yet live in the community who have had her as a physician in their home and all state that she was a good doctor and very benevolent, going

about her work in a business like manner.

She is described as rather large in stature, weighing about one hundred and fifty pounds, always wearing a dark dress skirt and light waist and having a black band or kerchief fastened around her head, with the long ends hanging down her back.

In speech and manner her education was made plain, but she spoke with an accent and was very positive.

When the white people came she was visiting her patients in a buggy drawn by two ponies.

After the Opening of the country she moved to the town of Lone Wolf with her husband, who was a white man of German extraction apparently, and a grown son, who had also been educated in a government school. The son was a carpenter by trade.

This "Indian Doctor Woman" died in Lone Wolf, February 24th, 1904. The family purchased a lot in the Lone Wolf Cemetery and she was buried there in lot 16, under the name of S. A. Mook.

The grave is marked and well cared for but has

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no headstone.

Nothing has been known of either the husband
 or the son, Willie Mook, since the death of the Indian
 Doctor. Persons knowing her as above told are; Wm
 Seifker, Mrs. J. L. Cloud, Mr. S. M. Alexander, and Mr.
 James Shelbourn Sr., all of Lone Wolf, Oklahoma.
