

PULIS, W. R. (MRS.)

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Field Worker's name Lillian Cassaway

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1. Name Mrs. W. R. Pulis.

2. Post Office Address Anadarko, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 111 East Texas St.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month X Day X Year 1889

5. Place of birth Decatur, Texas.

6. Name of Father L. N. Burton Place of birth Texas

Other information about father \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Mother Della Robinson Burton Place of birth Tennessee

Other information about mother \_\_\_\_\_

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 3.

Lillian Cassaway  
Investigator  
February 18, 1938.

Interview Mrs. . . R. Pulis  
111 West Texas Street,  
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

I came to Lexington with my father in 1900. We were there three years when we came to Anadarko in 1903. There were several children of us and our mother had died in 1899, so when we came to Anadarko my father put me in the Presbyterian Mission to go to school. This school was about four miles east of Anadarko and was in charge of the Reverend Mr. S. V. Fait. He was a grand old man and looked after the pupils as if they were his own children. In this school we were taught home economics as well as a grammar school course. The average attendance of this school was eighty pupils. The employees at that time were a Miss Templeton, girls' matron; Miss Troter, boys' matron; Miss Wilson, Miss Barnes and Miss Edna McGraw laundress and teachers. In 1904 Miss Fisher and Miss Vern Gossard (now Mrs. Ross Hume) were employed. I left school in 1907 but in 1908 I was sent for to help in the laundry. I was there that year and the next year serving in various capacities until 1909 when I was married to Mr. W. R. Pulis. Mr. Pulis at that time was employed in the Apache Mission, near Fort Gill. After we were married I was employed

as laundry matron there.

At the end of each school year the different schools gave closing day entertainments, consisting of recitations and songs, etc. The programs at the Presbyterian Mission, or Faits Mission as it was often called, became so well attended that the auditorium would not hold the crowd so it was held in the hay barn. After I was married and went to the Apache Mission, Mr. Folis and I often made the trip back to the closing program of this mission. It would take us all day to make the trip in a hack and then a day to go back. This mission was for the Kiowas, but a good many white children attended it. The Apache Mission near Fort Bill really had more Comanche children than Apaches. One Comanche girl made my little girl an Indian dress like the Comanches wore. It was very similar to the Kiowa and Apache dresses, except the square piece that is wrapped around the waist and called the apron was trimmed with ribbon, almost as narrow as baby ribbon. There were several rows of ribbon around the bottom of the apron and the bottom of the dress, also the sleeves, which were only straight strips the desired length and the necessary width, sewed into the very large arm hole. Sometimes there would be three or four rows of this

trimming. There were some Mescalero Apaches who lived around over the reservation near Fort Sill. I don't know much about them except that they had houses built with open halls running through the center but continued to do their cooking outside of the house.