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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

BURKE, ADDIE

INTERVIEW.

3894

Field Worker's name Ophelia D. Vestal

This report made on (date) October 18, 1937

1. Name Mrs. Addie Burke

2. Post Office Address Lawton, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) (City)

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month April Day          Year 1880

5. Place of birth Texas

6. Name of Father                                  Place of birth                                 

Other information about father                                 

7. Name of Mother                                  Place of birth                                 

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                                 .

An Interview with Mrs. Addie Burke, Lawton, Oklahoma.  
By - Ophelia D. Vestal, Field Worker.  
October 18, 1937.

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Early in the year of 1890, a family of white people moved into the vicinity now known as Tecumseh, from Texas.

Very few white people lived in this settlement but there were plenty of Indians. The Indians were known to be very bad Indians. They could speak but a little of our language and they did not try to understand us, so this made it difficult to have understandings or agreements with them.

So, one day my father, mother, and I were at home when a band of Indians, about twelve in number, came to our door, opened it and came in. One of the Indians could speak to us a little, so he told us they meant for all the white people to take what they wanted with them, but to move away at once. He said that this was the Indians' land and we had no right here.

We were so excited, wondering what was going to happen next. My father sat listening closely to the Indian man, then reached for his gun, which he kept in a corner of the room, and said to these Indians; "Now it is time for you all to leave here. We have worked very hard

and bought this land with our honest earned money.

I have never meant to harm any of you but I do want you to leave and let us alone".

These men talked to each other; then walked out of the house. From that time on we were never bothered in any way and we were very glad to win the friendship of many Indians near there.

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