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Born In 1877

Yes, I'm one of the last of the fullblood Miami's left. They
my name in the paper a while back. I was born in Indiana, and moved
Oklahoma, near Miami, when I was just a very small girl. I didn't get
schooling, but I guess it was about as much as any of us Indian girls
at that time. For three years, I went to school in Indiana, and I
re did like it there. Then I came back home, and in about a year I went
Chillico. It wasn't nearly as big as it is now. There were just three
buildings there then_ the one for the girls, the one for the boys, and the
e where we went to school. They wouldn't let us talk Indian there, and
remember being punished several times for gorgetting. I don't remember
Miami language at all, but I knew it when I was a girl. English is all
speak.

We have lived here at the agency for at least thirty-five years.
on there were lots and lots of nice homes here. It was a sort of camping
ground for the Indians, too. They would come here and camp back down the
reek, and many would stay here for months at a time. A lot of business
at on here. There was a store up here close with a well behind it. It
at have been across the road, because there isn't any well or remains
a well on this side. The Indians went there to get water a lot. The
lans traded at the store, and used moatly money for their buying.
they traded things like buffalo hides and buckskin, too, for groceries
clothes.

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Pete West ran the store, and he lived up there where those cedar trees are (about a quarter of a mile from the agency, and back from the road about two hundred yards on the south side of the road.)

I remember when they moved the agency from here to Shawnee. Things began to die down right away, and in several years most of the houses had been taken down. We lived in quite a few of these houses around here, and have been at the house where we are now for about five years. There's a spring--two springs--north of our house up that creek about a quarter of a mile. They never run dry, and the Indians used to use those for their water supply.

I have many grandchildren. This month we lost two within a week of each other. They buried Tiny's baby up here at the old Indian burial ground.

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