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INTERVIEWED CAROLINA ELIZABETH GREGORY 123 N. Broadway, Edmond, Oklahoma. Creek Indian. Born Feb. 7, 1867, Florida.

Father's name Wesley Norman Born Henderson, Kentucky. Mother's name Caroline Kellam Born Alabama.

I was born in the state of Florida, Feb. 7, 1867.

while I was a very small girl my parents moved to

St. Louis, Mo. My mother's brother, Dr. Kellam, kept

insisting on us coming to Oklahoma and filing on free

land. We did and father raised and sold cattle. We

came here when I was just seven years old. My father

was a white man, but mother was of the Muskogee tribe

of Creek Indians. My great grandmother was Carolina

Wetherford, daughter of Chief Wetherford of the Creeks.

t went to a little Indian school about six miles east of Bixby, called the Wealaka Mission. Wealaka in the white man's language means "Coming Water."

This Indian school was the only one for miles around.

It burned last year (1936.)

At the time we came to the Indian Territory, there was an Indian Agency at Muskogee.

was so small the Creeks adopted them into their tribe. He attended the Eufaula Mission at Asbury. He went among the Indians and preached. He was an old Circuit Rider. He was an Ordained Minister for twenty-one years after that. He became a member of the Council and through its influence was appointed as the first superintendent for the Indian school called, "Euchee School For Boys" at Sapulpa, Oklahoma. It still stands, but belongs to the government at this time. Mr. Gregory died recently and was buried in the Indian cemetery six miles east of Sapulpa, near the Indian Baptist Church. This cemetery sovers several acres.

Mrs. Gregory is the mother of eight children, twelve grandchildren, one great grandchild and one adopted son.

Norman H. Gregory, a son, has charge of the Sioux Indian School at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Carnelius Gregory, son, is a teacher of music in the Indian School at Ft. Wingate Reservation, New Mexico, a Navajo Indian School.