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INTERVIEW WITH MRS. DAISY HEARREL BINGHAM

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Mrs. Bingham's father, J. B. Hearrell, came to Indian Territory from Missouri and her mother, Martha H. Walker Hearrel, from Mississippi. She does not know in what year her parents moved to Indian Territory, but does remember hearing her parents speak of moving here in covered wagons. Her father was a white man and her mother Indian, belonging to the Chickasaw tribe. Her mother lived here when a child and she remembers the Civil War.

Mrs. Bingham is a sister of ex-Governor Bill Murray's wife and a niece of the last Governor of the Chickasaw Indians, Governor Johnston. Governor Johnston's father is buried at Ft. Washita but his descendants cannot find ^{the} grave.

She reminded me that the Chickasaw tribe built the two dormitories at Murray College and also the old Capitol now being used as a courthouse. She also made mention of the old Indian Academy at one time located northwest of Tishomingo but later turned into the county poor farm. At present this site is used for Tishomingo Country Club and Golf Course.

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Mrs. Bingham said she felt that the Chickasaws had spent quite a lot of money for education. At present she is matron at Murray College, having served in that capacity nineteen years.

She referred me to persons whom she thought could furnish me with other information. -

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Mrs. Bingham remembers that her people did not have an established church, but the people living within their vicinity would gather in barns or other convenient places and hear the missionaries. The creed of the Indians was Presbyterian. When she, Mrs. Bingham, was a small child she recalls that her mother took her to church.