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An Interview With Antoinette McCasland Maxey, Atoka, Oklahoma.

Clarence McCasland was born in Miller County, Arkansas, August 22nd, 1875, the son of Andrew C. and Mattie J. McLemore. Andrew C. McCasland was a physician and surgeon in Arkansas.

He was educated in Arkansas and Tennessee. After teaching for several years in Texas and Louisiana he entered the teaching service of the Government in the Indian Territory. He was a very efficient missionary to the Indians and was instrumental in preparing the Eastern part of the Indian Territory for Statehood.

His first teaching position in the Indian Territory
was near Grant, under Superintendent Ballard in what is now
Choctaw County. He also taught at Hoyt in what is now
Haskell County and from there he was sent to Boggy Depot.
He had received special training for this work by attending
the Jones Academy. He was liked by everyone who knew him
and had a good influence over the Indians in the schools
in which he taught.

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After he resigned from the teaching profession he studied law and was admitted to the bar and served as clerk under Judge J. H. Linebaugh. He was also the first County Clerk of Atoka County.

He belonged to the Knights of Pythias Lodge and was interested in politics and in the building of schools and churches in the Indian Territory. He died in 1926 at Atoka.