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INTERVIEW WITH MR. BEN LEHEW.

FIELD WORKER GERTIE GOODFOX.
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I was born in Iowa, December 28, 1869. My parents moved from Iowa to Kansas. We lived in the southern part of Kansas. In the fall of 1896, my wife, my six weeks old child and I came from Southern Kansas to Pawnee, Okla. We made the trip in a wagon and it took us a day and a half. We camped over night at Ralston, Okla, and the next day came on to Pawnee. Of course I had a fast team and made the trip in good time.

I started clerking in Fletcher and Rambo's store. Gordon and Shepard had Frank Hudson clerking in their store and these two stores had most of the Indian trade, that is all the Indians traded in these two stores. (Mr. Leheu can speak the Pawnee language, as he has worked among the Pawnee Indians since he came to Pawnee) The Indians trading in Fletcher and Rambo's Store were given a card, and every dollar they spent we made a mark / designating a dollar, they knew just how much they had spent.

When the Pawnees came from Nebraska in 1874, three white men, Stacy Matlock, William Bishop and Harry Pratt, came with them. These three were traders and worked at the Agency.

When the Indians were given English names, an Indian was given the name of Stacy Matlock who is still living. Mr. Bishop has now passed away, but he was well known among the Indians.

I made the run from Hennessey to Enid. There were three engines to the train that left Hennessey, and it was just loaded with people. I was on the side board of the second engine; however I withdrew from the contest as I received a letter from my brother Dr. Lehw, telling me there was work for me where he was in Southern Kansas.

One day, as I left the store, Fletcher and Rambo, I was walking on this street (indicating the main street of Pawnee) south of the court house, and there lay the body of a man with blood oozing from his mouth. He was an out-law named B. Dunn and he had been shot by U. S. Marshal Kenton, orders having been given the U. S. Marshal to shoot this out-law on sight, as Dunn was taking no chances and would have shot the Marshal if he had drawn his gun quicker.