

WADDELL, ANNIE (MRS.) INTERVIEW.

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Velma Hence,
Field Worker.

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BIOGRAPHY FORM

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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

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Field Worker's name Velma HenceThis report made on (date) May 25, 1937

1. Name Mrs. Annie Waddell.
2. Post Office Address Snyre, Oklahoma.
3. Residence address (or location) 302 n. 6th Street.
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month February Day 20 Year 1856.
5. Place of birth Missouri.

6. Name of Father John Crossman Place of birth Indiana

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Mary Gragwell Place of birth x

Other information about mother _____

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 2 pages.

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Civil War Interview
with
Mrs. Annie Waddell.

During the last two years of the Civil War (1863-1865) the Indians and whites fought a lot of the time.

The whites had captains to hold them together so if they were attacked by the Indians they could fight better or hold the Indians back.

During this period the women wore their home-spun dresses.

The whites lived in camps made of logs. These people built their cabins as close to each other as possible. In the center of each of these log cabins was a long room in which the food, water, fire, and ammunition were kept.

The cabins had holes in the walls which were used to stick guns through when the Indians attacked them. The white men gathered the women and children together in the large room because the Indians could not fire through it as easily as they could through the cabins. This large room was called the Picket House.

From two to three hundred Indians would attack the whites at one time and would steal horses and even children, if they could. The white people would trade the Indians ammunition and guns for their children.

Whenever the Indians attacked the camps, and could not get the whites, they would set the camp on fire.

If an Indian found a white man away from the camp he would kill him and take his scalp.

The Indians called their houses tepees. When the Indian women (squaws) would put their babies down, they would drive a large strip in the ground and stand the baby up, then wrap ropes around the baby. This they called putting the baby to bed.

The whites captured the Indians by trying to kill their chief. If they killed the chief the other Indians would gather around the chief and murmur. Then they would all scatter away.

Mrs. Waddel is 82 years old.