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Interview with Mr. & Mrs.  
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Mrs. R.L. (Paden) Taylor

Mrs. R.L. Taylor, a Cherokee Indian, was born in Alabama, near Big Lee's Creek, on June 11, 1816. Her parents, Benj. F. Paden and Elizabeth (Miller) Paden, both Cherokees, came to the Cherokee Nation, now Adair County, Oklahoma, when Mrs. Taylor was only eighteen months old.

The Paden s settled and made a farm near the head of Little Lee's Creek, about three miles southeast of the present town of Stilwell, Oklahoma. Their reason for settling here was, the good land and a fine spring of water. Here is where Mrs. Taylor spent her childhood, she attended school and Sunday School and Church at Muddy Springs, Ewing Chapel and Honey Hill.

On June 1st., 1880, she married Richard L Taylor, a Cherokee. They are the parents of five children, four girls and one boy. Mrs. Taylor now lives in Stilwell, Oklahoma.

Her husband, Richard L. Taylor, a Cherokee, was born in Flint District, Cherokee ation, July 31, 1854.

He was a very successful farmer and in his middle life he became interested in politics, holding several offices. He was sheriff a number of times and National Councilman several times. He died August 13, 1934.