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Field Worker's name Margaret McGuire

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1. Name Mrs. Martha Jane Walker

2. Post Office Address Eufaula Oklah

3. Residence address (or location) Northwest of town

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year 1859

5. Place of birth Oklahoma

6. Name of Father Gibson Place of birth _____

Other information about father Creek Indian

7. Name of Mother Gibson Place of birth _____

Other information about mother Creek Indian

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 _____.

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. MARTHA JANE WALKER
Margaret McGuire, Interviewer

I was born in the Indian Territory. My mother died when I was a baby. I can't remember ever seeing her. I am a Creek Indian, and have always lived with the Creek Indians. My father lived on the north side of North Canadian River. He lived in what is now McIntosh County about two miles north of Eufaula, on a farm.

My father put me in the Asbury Training School which is about one mile northeast of Eufaula. He would ride in to take my brothers and me out home. He did not get to go home but about once a month. Professor Rubin was superintendent of the school then.

When the Civil War came some of the people tried to get my father to go north, but he did not. He moved south and lived near the Red River in a little log house. When the War was over we moved back to Old Town which was east of Eufaula. Father clerked in a store there as there were several stores in the town. He worked for Colonel Armisted. My mother being dead, I had to live with other people while my father worked. I was about fourteen or fifteen years old then.

I remember the last time my father whipped me. He

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said I had told him a story, but I had not. He was a cripple and called me to him and whipped me with his crutch. He died very soon after the war.

I lived a while with Mrs. Sarah Phillips, a Creek woman. Then I lived with Mrs. Berry Hill, when I was in school at the Asbury Training School. We had a store room at the school. The boys worked on the farm and took care of the cows and hogs. The things they raised were put in the store room for us to use. We raised almost all we had to eat. The girls did the housework, and learned to sew, and cook.

Reverend W. F. Buckner was our preacher. He was a Baptist, and I knew him well. He had a son William, who was a preacher too. I think he is still living but haven't seen him for so long that I'm not sure.

I came here a long time ago to live with my son. My brother, John Gibson, lived with us too. Then one day he went away somewhere else to live, I did not see him any more. He died when he was ninety years old. I did not get to go to see him when he died. He was not a Christian for a long time but I talked to him a lot about God, and living right. He said he was afraid to be baptized but one day he decided

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to join the church. This was several years before he died.

I am still living with my son and I am eighty-nine years old.