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Interview with Mrs. Vida Mulkey Carr,
Eufaula, Oklahoma
Field worker, Carl R. Sherwood,
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My father was Louis Mulkey, a Cherokee, from Georgia.

My mother, before her marriage, was Miss Adeline Goins, three-quarters Choctaw Indian. After their marriage they moved to Texas and to this union were born six children.

In 1887 my father and family left Texas on foot and drove fifteen hundred sheep and goats to the Indian Territory, locating in the Cherokee Nation about eighteen miles northeast of Chacotah. The family of eight took their allotments in this vicinity.

My father sold the sheep and goats, and bought cattle and farmed several hundred acres of land. Our nearest church was at Texanna, a distance of about twelve miles. Our transportation to and from church was a wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen.

On December 5, 1900, I was united in marriage to William M. Carr, who was a son of Albert and Susan E. Carr, a prominent family of the Indian Territory.

After our marriage we located in what is now McIntosh County on Carr Creek, about four miles south of Chacotah. My husband was educated in Eufaula schools which were kept

up by a Creek fund.

In 1907 Mr. Carr was elected constable of Checotah township in the Carr Creek district, and in connection with this office he was appointed deputy sheriff. Mr. Carr took the first prisoners from McIntosh County to the state penitentiary at McAlester in 1909, the charges against these men being grand larceny and robbery.

Frank Jones, United States Deputy Marshal, Bill Carr, a Deputy Sheriff, and Ed Baum all of Checotah were the first called to the Snake Uprising near the old hickory stump grounds east of Henryetta, Oklahoma. They arrived on the scene just before sundown, and all at once the bullets from the Snake Indians began buzzing all around them. Frank Jones and Bill Carr dismounted from their horses and got behind trees and started firing. Ed Baum was a crippled cowboy and would not leave his horse and was soon shot down. Ed Baum was the first man killed in the Snake Rebellion.