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BIOGRAPHY FORM
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Field Worker's name Lillian Cassaway.

This report made on (date) July 22. 1937

1. Name Mrs. C. A. Cleveland

2. Post Office Address Anadarko, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 407 Wst Central Boulevard.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month October Day 24 Year 1865.

5. Place of birth Wabash, Indiana.

6. Name of Father Dr. Rollin Hutchins Place of birth Ohio.

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Martha Miles Hutchins Place of birth Ohio.

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 2.

Lillian Cassaway,
Interviewer.

An Interview with Mrs. C. A. Cleveland,
407 West Central Boulevard, Anadarko.

Mrs. Cleveland has lived in Oklahoma since 1872.
First at Darlington, now making her home in Anadarko.

Father: Dr. Rollins Hutchins. Born in Ohio.

Mother: Martha Miles Hutchins. Born in Ohio.

I came to Oklahoma in 1872 with my mother, who came as superintendent of the Darlington School. My uncle, Col. J. L. Miles, who had been agent at the Kickapoo Agency but was now at Darlington, thought my mother was the proper person to take charge of the Darlington School. My cousin, Major L. J. Miles, was Superintendent of the Osage Agency.

My father had been dead only a short while when my mother came to Darlington to take charge of the school there. It was almost impossible to get the Indians to let their children come to school. It was a wonderful thing when you could get as many as five or six to go. The Indians would not let the children's hair be cut, nor would they allow them to wear civilized clothes. They were afraid of the white man's way. They knew it would make a change in their lives and they didn't want to have any made. They wore long hair and almost no clothes, only a long shirt with their blankets.

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I can remember seeing great herds of buffalo passing through the school yard.

I remember coming upon Hennessey's body, in 1874, when we were coming up from Darlington, on account of the Indian uprising. His body was tied to the wagon wheel, and badly burned. The flour and everything were scattered all around. I can see it now just as if it were yesterday that it happened. Hennessey was a freighter who hauled from Wichita, Kansas, to Anadarko and Fort Sill, and was killed by the Indians in July, 1874. There is now a monument in Hennessey erected in honor of Pat Hennessey.

I have been asked to come to New York and broadcast my experiences as a little girl, when I made the trip from Darlington to Anadarko, to give vaccine from the scar on my arm to save the lives of many Indian children. There was a great epidemic of smallpox among the Indians, and it was impossible to obtain vaccine at any of the agencies. My arm was the only one that was at the proper stage to be used as vaccine. I made the trip along to Anadarko, for this purpose. The invitation came too late for me to make the trip to New York in time for the broadcast as dated. I will at some later date make this broadcast.