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Mrs. Sallie E. Dick, nee Jones, who lives at 204 Coingsnake St.,
ah, Oklahoma, was born May 2nd, 1868 at the Male Seminary. She is a
e Indian.

Father - Jackson Jones

Mother Mary Jones.

The family came from Georgia in 1838.

Mrs. Dick was raised by her uncle, Houston Bengé, at Ft. Gibson.
a Captain during the Civil War.

EARLY DAYS AT FT. GIBSON

My uncle, Houston Bengé, owned the old Jeff Davis place at Ft. Gib-
ere I was raised. I lived a short distance from the sutler. They had
ard hall in there; also a Dragoon. I played many a day with the soldier
m at the old Fort. I went to school at the Fort and Orphans Asylum, whe
5 years old. Ada Archer and Robert L. Owens were teachers and Watt Dun-
Superintendent. I went to school at the Female Seminary when Eliza
was Superintendent.

I was matron at the Male Seminary for 5 years. Later I was sick
at the Female Seminary. I served as matron at Nuyaka School near Okmal-
later I was matron at Bloomfield School at Ardmore. I stayed there until
retired. This school was for the Chickasaw children.

George Bengé was my father's brother. I stayed with him. I have
an Tahlequah 40 years. I married John Henry Dick. He went away and I
now where he is.