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Interview with Inez Chastine-Dodd,  
1208 Maple Street, Bartlesville,  
Oklahoma. Born November 22, 1890,  
Oxford, Kansas.

Mrs. Inez Chastine-Dodd was born November 22,  
1890, at Oxford, Kansas, and is one-sixteenth Cher-  
okee Indian.

Father's name was Alfred Chastine, died in  
August, 1903, and is buried at Mounds, Oklahoma.

Mother's name was Etta Spencer Chastine, died  
in February 1914, and is buried at Estella, Oklahoma.

I came to the Indian Territory with my parents  
in 1896 and settled on a farm near Mounds, Indian  
Territory. Our first home was a two-room native  
lumber house. Our water supply was a dug well for  
the house and a large pond for the stock. We raised  
corn, kaffir corn and cotton. We raised our own  
hogs, horses and cattle.

Our trading post was Sapulpa, and was located  
about five miles north of Mounds. At that time Sapulpa  
was only a trading post of a few buildings, and the  
store.

My mother was the first postmistress at Preper,  
a little town located five miles northeast of Mounds,  
in 1901. This place is no longer in existence. After

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my father's death we removed to Kiefer, and in 1907 my mother was the first postmistress there.

While we resided on the farm I was taught farm work, and from the time I was eight years old I herded cattle and helped with the work in the field.

I will remember one day, when I was about eight years old, I was looking for a cow that had strayed, and while riding along the timbered hill my horse became nervous. I got off the horse to investigate, and soon I discovered a number of men at a small corral, hid in a thicket in a little valley. Part of them were branding some stolen horses and the others were counting money. I recognized one of them as Tommy Berryhill, a crippled man living near us, who was an outlaw. I was frightened, but watched them for a while, then slipped back to my horse and made a hasty retreat. If they had discovered me they would likely have scolded me and turned me loose. When I arrived home and told my story, my mother said we would not mention it to anyone, but in a few days we learned there had

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been a train robbery across the Texas border.

One morning the Dalton gang came to our house and asked for their breakfast. My mother gave them breakfast and they gave her a \$20.00 bill. The next morning the United States Marshals were after them and ate breakfast at our house.

I have lived in Indian Territory and Oklahoma continuously since 1896. I received my education in the Indian Territory. At that time there were a few schools here and we had very few advantages; when we did have school we were glad to have this chance and really took advantage of it.

My brother-in-law, W. P. Taber, made the run into the Cherokee Strip in 1893 and secured 160 acres near Lamont. My father made this run also but did not get an allotment. They both rode horseback.

Dalton was killed in 1894.