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BIOGRAPHY OF Mrs. R. H. Eakes (White)  
Maiden name Ottie Boulware  
Route 2, One mile southwest of  
Chickasha, Oklahoma

BORN May 5, 1888  
Ryan, Oklahoma

PARENTS Father, Charlie Boulware, Missouri  
Mother, Addie Bailey, Tennessee  
Parents buried in Oklahoma

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I was born at Ryan, Oklahoma May 5, 1888. Ryan at that time was just a postoffice with a general mercantile store and hardware store. The hardware store was run by J. D. Buie and a fellow named Wallace.

My father had moved there the year before and had leased a quarter section of raw land right in the edge of town. He bought posts and wire fenced the land, and broke it out. His principal crop there was corn. We lived there four years, our house was just a half dug out, the walls above the ground. Was made of logs, Shinked up with mud. The roof was also made of logs, with some straw put on first and then covered with dirt. This made the house warm in winter and kept the heat out in the summer.

My father raised some ~~wheat~~ and took it to Terral, south of where we lived to have it ground into flour.

When I was four years old, or in 1892, my folk moved on Deer Creek, near Comanche,. While there I attended my first school which was a subscription school. The school house was Deer Creek,

a woman named Miss Mattie Jeffrey was our school teacher. ~~For~~<sup>27</sup> the first school term she taught, she was paid seventy-five dollars. Of course it was only a three months school. We did not have any desks or tables to write on. We had benches with slatted backs to sit on, and we used our laps to write on.

In 1894, my folk moved to Wild Horse Creek, where I attended practically the same kind of school as I attended at Deer Creek. I attended the Wild Horse School two years. My father had not been making very good crops there, so he moved near the town of Comanche in 1896.

He was raising cotton while there, and did very well. He had his cotton ginned at Comanche. The cotton sold for about four cents per pound.

My father said he had seen several large herds of cattle driven north, before the railroad was built. And had killed lots of wild turkey.

While we were living near Comanche we attended, what we called Carnivals. ~~These~~ lasted for three days. There would be lots of Indians there, the most of them would come four or five days or a week before the time set, and camp on or near a creek. The Indians had big dances, the men and women all danced together, one behind the other. There would also be horse races and games of all kinds played, and a good time had by all.

We lived near Comanche until 1900, when my folks moved northwest of Comanche on what was then known as the Jim Howard place.

We were living there in 1901 when the Caddo, Kiowa and Comanche country was opened. My father registered at Fort Sill, for

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the drawing, but was unable to draw a claim.

I have never made my home any other place, than Oklahoma.