

Who were living away  
from our home, where  
they were working and  
going to school.

They came home <sup>with</sup>  
one Thanksgiving <sup>(1)</sup>  
and at that time was  
age 4 ~~years old~~ came  
to know my brother -  
Roosevelt, and my sister,  
Rebecca, my sister a.  
~~away~~ teacher. They  
took me all around  
the house all day.  
They didn't stay they  
left that same day  
and went back with  
the people.

I had two (2) other  
sisters, older than I,  
but always wanted  
to be with Rebecca.  
She come back to visit

Was Hustonville 4

The Community I remember most

But never to live  
with us

Our family was  
~~share-croppers~~  
which we would  
<sup>move, after</sup> be moving to another  
place later depen-  
ding on Circum-  
stances relating  
to production of the  
fields so it happened  
in 1922-24 crops  
were not producing

my parents also wanted  
to send school for  
us, I also heard  
that further  
west Indian  
families were  
moving off their land.



(6)  
They were disappointed  
in some things but  
they decided to  
work the best that  
they could. There was  
not much land, but  
my father cleared  
land and driving  
off seasons, dad took  
the older children  
back to the cotton  
gone to work for  
~~several years~~  
and all of us could  
go to school during  
regular school terms

Finally dad  
got a job  
and all of  
us went to sch.  
Our first school  
was in a small  
building 1/2 miles from

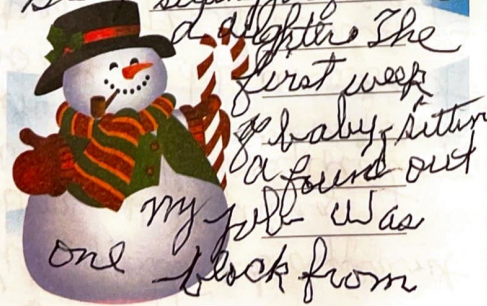


(8)  
I started to school  
at age 7 yrs. I  
had a handmade  
book bought when  
ever I walked it  
bumped my heels.  
My lunch was mostly  
a biscuit with egg  
and jelly. Someday  
we had cookies  
sometimes Home  
Cured Ham, sometimes  
Fruit from home  
grown trees

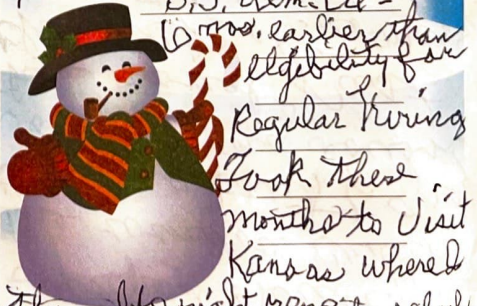


My mother was a kind  
 of resource leader. She  
 was a 4-H club leader  
 somewhat always called  
 on by the school leader  
 as well as at the church.  
 She raised many fowls  
 guinea geese, and chickens  
 by the hundred. She was  
 once honored with a week  
 at Langston University along  
 with some other mothers, then  
 they were encouraged to -  
 preserve and prepare  
 for the home. To beautify  
 yards etc. - so after school  
 we developed many ideas.  
 We enhanced Home Eco-skills  
 Again, I say being a  
 share-cropper daughter

The little girl  
 Lillian  
 soon I became  
 a senior and  
 then graduation  
 upon graduation  
 my mother's sister  
 who lived in Tulsa  
 came and carried  
 me to stay with her.  
 The second Sunday  
 I went to church  
 with my aunt one  
 of her friends came  
 and offered me a  
 baby-sitting job for her  
 daughter. The  
 first week  
 a baby sitting  
 I found out  
 my job was  
 one block from



she found out our  
 family could not  
 afford the expense  
 of Langston. She  
 said her sister  
 and mother owned  
 a rooming house  
 on the grounds  
 close up to Langston  
 where students live.  
 She made the Council  
 and an opening for  
 me. I entered Langston  
 university and  
 remained for 3 yrs.  
 Received B.S. Elem. Ed -  
 10 mos. earlier than  
 eligibility for  
 Regular Teaching  
 Took three  
 months to visit  
 Kansas where I  
 thought might remember school  
 but other days



home.  
 I saw the door  
 I refused  
 to stay.  
 We went  
 to the school  
 and saw the  
 one time teacher  
 quarters had  
 been burned  
 down. I refused  
 to stay the  
 2nd time. The  
 third time  
 I decided to spend  
 that night in  
 the school.  
 My experience  
 was in the  
 night I heard  
 the howling of  
 wolves



The house

family left with her. That a special place. Our play room was with the boys room.

On the other side parent's room kitchen, girls room we ate in the kitchen. There

were 7 children, mom and dad eating at the table



It was at this house when I met my

and offering far new better opening <sup>family</sup> my <sup>family</sup> moved the move and in 1925 offers came our way - new gov. lands and even the President of The U.S.A had some plans that opened up the chance to go westward into Indian territory in where churches and schools were more available. With the opportunity my parents move <sup>farther</sup> into Mc Intosh County to an open community call "Kittonsville". The year 1925 we joined many families to claim

Tom home. It was 2 yrs before I could join them in school. I learned so much before going to school. I became a real snooper. I listened to my sister and brothers who studied at home. I would <sup>listen</sup> mom read and sometimes I would <sup>take</sup> her Bible for a few minutes and look for the place in the Bible she had read out aloud.

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We experienced different home-style living. We moved to one location where rain swelled the creek so we had to use a boat to cross the stream and walk one half mile to get to school. The County gave a bus and we were riding each way for nearly one hour. Finally one of the Elementary Teachers adopted a very young native Indian child and she wanted someone to be a companion to her. So she asked my mother for me to be the one. My mom agreed for

When

~~I met my oldest~~  
~~sybilns~~

Nero Community

All about the ~~River~~

~~and the Cotton Section~~

Our house -

2 parts with ~~a~~  
a porch built on each

end area between  
on one side there  
were two rooms

Home where we couldn't play outside

3 brothers lived ~~in the~~

side there was a room

where there was an

old foot treading organ

a tall dresser like

shelf and closet at the

bottom part where my

mother kept dishes, for

We had a  
Smoke-house  
where you could  
almost always find  
home-made link  
sausage. There  
were med sized  
barrels of sorghum  
molasses (syrup)  
made on the farm.  
Dried fruits, canned  
vegetables and fruit  
pieces, black walnuts  
in the animal area

There was a barn  
and shed where  
planets, corn  
and pumpkins  
were raised in  
bales of hay



I peeped through  
the window crack  
to see about 6 grey  
wolves going down  
the road past  
the school. Tomorrow  
was Friday Dan  
would come and  
take me to the  
superintendents office  
and Dan had worked  
out a plan.

The Indian church  
was a little ~~more~~ less  
than 1/2 block from the  
school. Many of the families  
own a hut that encircled  
the church here they  
all came on Fri and stayed  
through Sunday. There  
was a couple that stayed  
all time. Dan arrange  
for me to occupy a hut

Booker <sup>13</sup> J. Washington  
High School where  
Classes for H.S. gradua-  
-ates to take classes for  
1 yr. Credit for College  
and the hours 6:30 - 8.  
Just what I could do.  
I enrolled and finished  
the course by the end of  
the year my parents wanted  
my back home.

I returned to Eufada where  
dad had moved to a new  
location. I took a job 10.00 w  
for one Dr. who had heard me  
sing during my High School  
years when our school  
invited the board to dinner  
my former principals wife  
talked with my mother

intervened and finally <sup>15</sup>  
I got married. From Kansas  
I returned with one ad-  
-dition to my family and  
eligible to teach and  
assignment to teach.  
First assignment was a  
small community - white  
Chapel - assigned to  
another small, all partially  
Indian mixed which sent  
me a dancing with  
wolves. I won't forget  
it was near a mountain  
side. The people were far  
apart none spoke clearly.  
My oldest sister had  
married - Daniel Anderson  
who was most part Indian  
and lived this community  
and some of its people  
Daniel carried me out to see  
the school which was in  
poor condition no place to  
stay but in a family

Hello! It's me remember about a yr. ago  
I was given an instrument to record some  
of my growing up experiences and  
some life accomplishments - High School

College, and beyond.

I tell you about my walk through unless  
I include a few earlier years, so it's  
a bit controlling to avoid some things that  
may not be interesting to you - but  
I began talking on the recorder. I put the  
recorder aside for sometime I needed to avoid  
details.

Now I call my story - "Life of a Sharecropper  
Daughter"

I am sure you have some Daughter  
Knowledge of what a Share-cropper means.

Families living and working on land owned  
by owners of many acres, or partials of farm lands  
who provided the land to ~~be~~ produce many facets  
of sources of income to the providers and when  
whenever the production failed the working  
family had to move on. As a result of this  
experience we experienced having to move 5 times  
in my memory. Being the 9th child of the family

I was blessed in some ways and not so blessed  
otherwise. I saw a lot, heard much training  
received much training, at home, at school,  
and at church.

I started to school at age 7. With  
3 brothers and 2 sisters, all older. My first teacher was  
Part Indian, who had been taught in the Indian Mission  
Training mission of Missouri. Who came to our house  
many times. Mrs. Adah-McGhee, she started me in the  
corner of her room at school with a Chart of A, B, C  
I finished the chart real fast and did so with  
1st and 2nd grade. I memorized much of my work.  
We walked 1 mile and a quarter to and from school  
I studied on my way home most days.

where no <sup>18</sup> one would come now.  
This family but was about 10 steps  
apart. So he moved me.

That week end I took 2 young  
nephews back with me. one nephew  
from 2 sisters  
my student population 9 + 2 = 11

That year I prepared them to  
participate in 4-H-club - Demonstration

We received 1 Blue Ribbon.  
The girl demonstrating, turned the handle of the egg beater  
up-side down  
Teachers who had studied under

concordia liked me and at the  
ending of the year, my former H.S.

Principal Mrs. W. Presley  
requested me to come to Eufaula to teach  
2nd Grade until ~~the~~ after World War 2

19 When my husband came home from  
World War I his desire was to attend  
Pre. dentist at Howard Univ.

We applied he was accepted. He  
entered Howard and attended while remaining  
employed in Okla until we decided different  
so it became my move. There were  
no jobs to advance and had acquired a  
job that would help us obtain a home  
and we had one who should have  
access to good schools.

Our final move to Washington, D.

1951

1. Family  
Maternal { Grand - Self-styled preacher  
Grand - Short-lived from slavery - but  
Mother of God God but  
Father  
2. (not) I did not ever lived  
know Rose as I grew up

Christianity  
the main theme  
12 children

## School Days -

School was, and has always been my joy and was regularly a company keeper to much older people. In each community of the five locations where our family lived, there were widow women who were real friends to the family. They often had a need for me to help them or just be at their house. I can remember at least four of them. There were in one instance where two sisters lived together and their brother, a real old man lived with them and my mother visited them with me and never Water was left with them as my Water visited them and helped to do something, finally ~~the~~ one of them who was not so old moved to another town with a white woman as her helper. I got a chance to go and see where she lived and what kind of work Miss Lula Lewis did. By then our oldest



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and ending that I taught until the next, came/went  
I joined the church  
semester 1957



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## INSIDE: A Gift of Thanks and Christmas Cheer!

Dear and I go back to Eufaula where I got  
1. white chapel employed  
2. Prof Pressly - Herretta near Don/Rebecca  
Booker T. Wash. Eufaula. until  
He had met several guys from D.C. Has plan  
go to Howard Univ. I wrote the application  
came to H.U. in Sept I came to visit May

Tis the Season

Quinto got accepted

Cut off my story and I will just talk about myself - The Share-Cropper's Daughter!  
my school days and ~~and~~ my life from High School and further  
finger <sup>communities</sup>

Crossing the water stream to school from one of the  
using the Boat

First Mr. Teacher adopted the little  
native Indian girl

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My family was deep Christian

Made by some special ones of the family. First I thought what can I  
say that would claim the attention of people so young, whose lives are so far  
different from that of almost 8 decades past.

# SHOULD SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE BE PROTECTED?

that actually is of interest

our families were much larger.  
our homes were organized very different  
our schools were crowded in most cases, un-equipped.  
our teachers lived under terrible conditions in hards like those  
who were in even the 7, 8, decades!  
So I began with life styles ~~and~~ that found to be a family history too full  
irrelevant information

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Respond in the next 14 days  
Ps. 106:1

**PETITIONS ENCLOSED**

Praise ye the Lord, O give thanks  
unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy  
endureth forever!

Ps. 106

~~Oh give thanks unto the Lord for~~

~~he is merciful and his truth endureth for all  
generations. we learned this verse as we were growing up  
in Sunday School classes in the Byrd classes all through our Church~~

It is so good and <sup>experiences</sup> ~~appropriate~~

~~appropriate in our lives of the Present to say He is good~~  
praise Him because we are blessed to live  
many generations

There are many Bible verses we recall in living out our Present  
experiences. I've been a long time responding to the request

When I finished Eufaula <sup>He is my uncle</sup> carried me to Tulsa to work with her out  
My coming back to Eufaula

War ~~of~~ 23<sup>rd</sup> 75.

My Visiting - Brother  
why

my younger brother taken to Shipyards - Cal.

In the interim: meeting Quinton / He enrolls in Langston  
my Jr / Sophomore

The War He gets drafted.

I graduate He visits / I go to Kansas.

The marriage

we go to Enid

then to Kanna City

where Polie was in school  
He gets assigned to...

I decided to stay in K.C.  
Oscar - born - Dad calls about teaching etc.