

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(April 10, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Jess Fields, an 84 year old Cherokee of Peters Prairie, Delaware County, Oklahoma. Mr. Fields talks about some of his early experiences and observations in this part of the country.)

LOCATION OF VARIOUS CEMETERIES

I don't know, but that Harding, that cemetery up there, way up on the creek, up on Honey Creek there. I guess he owned it. He bought that as a farm.

(Now this Harding--now this J. C. Woods, he has a Masonic emblem engraved on his spiral type--)

Is he buried there too?

(Yeah.)

Now, the last account I had of that place was they had turned stock loose in there and tombstones was throwed every direction.

(That's what happened to it.)

That's what happened to it. It would be kinds--I don't believe I could find it. In case you want those graves because them tombstones is scattered everywhere.

(Just scattered everywhere, yeah.)

Somebody has went in there and of course stock and hogs moving around in there.

(Yeah, it's--)

I still wouldn't know his grave--

(It's in a barn lot now. Now, is that the one they call the Woods cemetery?)

No, it's Ward.

(Ward?)

Claude Ward. Ward Cemetery.

(Claude Ward.)

Vann Ward used to live there. Vann Ward. It's Vann Ward's old place.