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FAMILY HISTORY

(Uncle Ben, I was asking Mama about some of my folks. And since you're some of the folks -- you weren't born in Oklahoma were you?)

No. Cherokee County, North Carolina.

(North Carolina?)

Born in the Cherokee Village, Little Cherokee.

(Yeah. Aren't you part Cherokee?)

Hum?

(Are you part Cherokee?)

Oh, my grandmother on my uh-- mother's side was nearly full-blood, 3/4's.

(She was?)

Yeah, she was full --3/4s. Or maybe more.

(There are a number of Hartness names on the rolls down there at the University.

Alice's got some old rolls. And they've got some Hartness's names on them.)

Yeah.

(On the rolls.)

Well you see--

(You know you could have made a claim for this money they have here and got some of it; I guess.)

Uh --no doubt we could have, my father could have put us on the roll but he's a funny man. He was peculiar.

(After you got here?)

Huh?

(After you got here, you mean?)

Yeah. Could have put us on that. It's on, a party told me that it never had been. We proved up the blood, descent, but never, it was too late to have done.