

in the summertime, why he'd be sitting and a reading, you know, all time, you know. And he'd ask us questions and we couldn't answer them. He'd turn around and answer them. (Laughter.)

(I bet that made him feel good, didn't it.)

Yes, he laughed. And he could remember dates better than anybody I ever knew.

(Hum. Well, those old timers could now. I know a lot of them can really remember old dates.)

My mother she could read and write. And she could read Cherokee and she could sing Cherokee. She had a Cherokee songbook. And she'd sit down and we'd get her to sing Cherokee to us.

(No, it's remarkable how those people were mostly self-taught in those early days. They taught themselves to read and write both languages.

I don't see how they did it, but all the other things they had to do to keep alive almost.)

And my dad was much interested in the affairs of the Cherokee Nation.

He represented our district up here down to Tahlequah at the council, you know.

(Was this Coo-wee-scoo-wee District?)

Delaware.

(Delaware District.)

Yeah. And I know he was down there at that meeting when I was born.

(Well.)

(Interruption. Sentence not clear.)

EDUCATION

He saw that his children got an education. 'Cause he sent all of his children to the seminary and all would have graduated there at the Seminary if it had held out.

(Yes. Uh-hum.)

Course, I went on back over to Northeastern and graduated.