

INTRODUCTION

(June 19, 1969. Today, I'm visiting with Ausley Welch, a 79 year old Cherokee of Pryor, Oklahoma. Mr. Welch is the present president of the Cherokee Seminary Association. And he reminisces about the old days of the Cherokee Nation and his life in the Cowskin Prairie area and other places.)

MEMBERS OF THE WELCH FAMILIES

(--that we were talking about while back.)

Well, now I'd rather you'd get someone that knows more about that.

(Yeah.)

'Cause --

(Well, do you know any of the Welches that lives up in there?)

Well, just old Bart.

(Bart Welch.)

That was the only one I ever knew.

(Was that on his original land?)

I just don't know. I sure don't know. Now Bart--see the Welch school is about three or four miles this side of Strand.

(Yeah.)

Ever since I can remember, old Bart, he lived at Strand. He might have moved in there about the time Strand was established. Now I don't know.

(Yeah.)

But I just--I sure don't know very much about it.

Woman: I go through (words not clear) often. Mr. Moore, you know, is a cousin to those children. To the Welch, Bart Welch's children.

Well, now he lives down here on the west part of town. His wife is manager