

INTRODUCTION

(I am interviewing Luke Carey, and Luke is a fifty-two year old or fifty-one year old, full-blood Cherokee that lives out in Hulbert, Oklahoma and Luke is going to tell us a little about his life history, maybe some of the problems among the Indian people today. And Luke, I was going to ask you, were you born and raised around here?)

Yes, so am I.

(Right around Hulbert, here.)

Yes.

(Well, would it be what we call Hulbert today?)

EDUCATION

Well, right in this vicinity all my life. That is not including my school years, Seneca Indian School about five years, at Sequoyah out of this community for about four years. The rest of it I was raised around here and I know quite a few people around here and they all know me, too.

I would say that it's just a few years that I have been away from here.

(Were you real small when you went to Seneca?)

At first I went to Sequoyah Orphans Training school, I was about six or seven years old then, and then when I runned off from Sequoyah Training school, I was about, oh I would say, about nine years old when I went to Seneca Indian school at Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

(Were they mean to you all back then at those schools?)

Well, they--we had to show our respect to the elders, the principals, and the teachers, all the instructors of that school. They were pretty strict in them days. We had to obey the school rules, which is, I suppose, not obeyed at this--these modern times, I would say.

(Did they ever whip you all?)

Yes, they did.

(With a belt or what?)