

INTRODUCTION

(July 9, 1969. I'm visiting with George Hummingbird, an 81-year old, full-blood Cherokee of the Peavine community, Adair county, Oklahoma.

Mr. Hummingbird has lived in this community all of his life and he talks about the people, the places, and the events that he has known.)

INDIAN BALL PLAYERS AT CHEROKEE MALE SEMINARY

No, I don't.

(Now he came from--)

--Mitchell.

(Yeah.)

From Vinita.

(Yeah.)

Wilson Tyler and Oliver. Wilson's dead though.

(Yeah.)

I guess Oliver may be too.

(Now, let's see Oliver Haynes?)

Oliver Tyler.

(Oh yeah, he's dead. Oliver Haynes is still living. Who was the good ball players there at the seminary?)

Well, they had a good team. Andrew Learskov he played, and Roger Scraper, Joe Adair from Vinita.

(Yeah.)

He caught. Robert Ironside from Ft. Gibson.

(Yeah.)

Clarence Markham was the second, Bob Fields was short, and Elijah Scrpaer played third.

(Well.)

And Paddy Mayes, he played left field. And Billy Adair played center,