

INTRODUCTION

(July 15, 1969. I'm visiting with Floyd Colvert, a 70-year old Cherokee of the Braggs community, Muskogee county, Oklahoma. Mr. Colvert recalls many things of the old days of this little town on the western edge of the old Cherokee Nation.)

GOVERNMENT MOVED CEMETERY

(South Bissell)

Used to be cemetery over there. Government dug all the places from here.

(Well. Did the government move it?)

Yes.

(That's strange that they would move a cemetery. Look like they would just put a fence around it.)

They dug'em up.

(Well, I'll be doggoned.)

I dug lot of 'em up. Back in the Cookson Hills they was some graves.

(Yeah. What would they do? Just move'em to another place or another cemetery?)

Yeah, they move'em up there on top of the hill what I took up. Up there' on the mountain.

(Yeah.)

Government got that and they moved'em up to Tahleuqah. Most of 'em I dug up--

(Yeah.)

Wasn't--

(I guess some of 'em were really old places too.)

Put everything we found in an old box.

(Yeah.)

I dug up one out there at (not clear) off the hill from (not clear). Had