

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(This afternoon I'm interviewing a young man, by the name of Don Bread. Don is a graduate of Northeastern State College and he is now working for the Cherokee National Historical Society and he helps out with, I believe, with the Drama, do you not Don? "The Trail of Tears" .)

A little bit of everything.

(A little bit of everything. And Don's going to tell us a little bit about his life and where he was born and raised up and went to school and all that. And later on perhaps, he'll tell us a little bit about the new Drama that we have here this summer and the peoples reaction to it etc. Don as a matter of fact, where were you born?)

Lawton, Oklahoma.

(Lawton?)

Uh-huh, I was born in 1944.

(1944?)

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So, I was born at the Indian hospital, there in Lawton.

(Uh-huh, you know I think, I said at the beginning you were a full-blood Cherokee but I mean a full-blood Indian, but now I didn't say what kind of an Indian. Now that's half Cherokee and . . .)

Half Cherokee and half Kiowa.

(Half Kiowa, Your mother is a Kiowa?)

Yes, and my dad is Cherokee. Now really I kinda fudge on that, I say I'm full-blood Cherokee, I mean full-blooded Indian, but my dad, his birth certificate shows that he's only half Cherokee.

(Oh, really?)

Uh-huh, So, but he claims to be three-fourths Cherokee.

(So there was a yoneg (meaning white in Cherokee) in the wood pile somewhere)

(Laughter) Right.