

(Uh-huh)

I didn't care too much for him, because of that.

(A lot of them think that will help them to get ahead, too doesn't it Don?)

It's not bad if he looks like a white person, it doesn't bother me at all.

Heck if he don't like to be Indian, it don't bother me, as a white person.

But for a person to be as dark as he was and like if I said "I'm not an Indian," it's as silly as that. For me not to associate with Indians was as silly and as damaging thing you could to. And that's the way he was.

(In other words, he just flat didn't identify with Indians?)

Right! He didn't. He was a Creek boy.

(A Creek, that's a little bit unusual too, isn't it?)

You know those Creeks and those Seminoles are the ones that really took in those colored people.

(Oh! Really?)

Uh-huh. So when we speak of Creek, that's when we tease each other, you know among the tribes, the Indians. Each Indian tribe has their characteristics about them that they've done or that they've got, or something that their ancestors has done.

(What has the Cherokees done? White people.

(They've mixed so much with white people.) Laughter

Yeah! You know. So, a Cherokee-white guy.

(That's the truth, and besides even before they started mixing, didn't they have lighter skin than a lot of the rest of them.)

This is what the a people. . . .

(That what they claimed.)

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As I was speaking about De Sota and Timberlake that went through the country they described the color of skin, they had and they said the Cherokee was a