

T-539-1 (First of Four Interviews)

INFORMANT: NANNIE GAMBLE WRIGHT, CHEROKEE
ARCHER COMMUNITY, MAYES COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
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GENERAL SUBJECT: SOME HISTORY OF MAYES COUNTY, TOWNS PEOPLE, LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS.

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(September 22, 1969. I'm visiting with Nannie Wright, a 74-year old Cherokee of the Archer community, Mayes County, Oklahoma, Mrs. Wright speaks of the old days in her part of the country and tells of many interesting things and especially the changes that she has seen.)

EARLY DAY PEOPLE AND PLACES, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES

Sentence not clear, concerns her husband and family.

(How old was he when he died?)

Oh, I don't remember. He has a monument out there with the date of his death on it.

(Well, he was one of the early settlers here then, among the Cherokees?)

Yeah, he--oh, yes! My dad come here years and years ago when this was Indian country. And, of course, he was--Mr. Wright now, Ellison Wright was a cherokee. He was born and raised--his old home is down here at Barren Fork, Oklahoma.

(Yes mam, I know where it is.)

He was here when my dad come here. Way back, oh, I forgot what year he come, but anyhow, he said he met Mr. Wright. They were on horse back when he met him down here at the old Military Fort out on the creek and