

Finally the doctors told him that he could go home and there he was in a nursing home. He said, "Now I am here." I asked him about his young days. He said there were just two white families living close to them when they lived in Wagoner County. The rest of them were Indians. He didn't know when the white people came but there's a lot of them now, more whites than Indians. There were too many white people now. When I asked if they had church in those days, he said no, no church, just Methodists. Later Baptists came and there are a lot of Baptists now. Way back there there were no churches. Now there are a lot of Baptist church. Asked how they managed a living. He said that his step father hunted deer, and then they raised corn. They had sour bread, and lots of Indian food. He said that he used to eat lots of deer meat. And then after his mother died he stayed with kin-folks. At one time he stayed with some white people too. He stayed with those folks awhile and then he got back with the Indians. There are some things that he tells that he has kind of forgotten -- just how and when and what he done. He is short on memory. I asked him if they had any recreation in those days. What he enjoyed doing back in his young days. He said I don't know, just anything, I just did about anything. I asked if they had any dances. He said yes, but he didn't go. Fiddle dances too but he didn't go. He knew what went on, he must have seen it sometime. I asked if he ever went to school, near Bixby, south of Bixby, Weelega Boarding School, Welaka Indian Boarding School. He said that he was twenty years old when he went to school. He got to the sixth grade. That was as far as he went. He doesn't know too many folk stories. I asked him about the tales. He said, "Yes." I used to know a lot of those tales but I have forgotten just about all of them because it has been so long since I heard any." He said even if it wasn't so they were just tales so they told them. Rabbit was always in it. Somehow when the Indians when they told tales rabbit was always in the tale. Charlie was telling a little short