

INTRODUCTION

(February 11, 1970. Today I'm visiting with Isaac Watt Rogers, a 63-year old Cherokee of Watts, Adair county, Oklahoma. Mr. Rogers talks about his native country, the northeast part of Adair county, its people, places, and events.)

GENEOLOGICAL HISTORY

(--your family here?)

No, they come in 1867-68.

(Like some of the other families that came.)

They were Indian, but they stayed in Georgia. Let alone. Its the old man Russell, I think, that moved the family out here. He'd been an officer in the Confederate army. And they owned a pretty good size farm down there and several slaves. And they'd held out I imagine, let political pull drag here and there, and they just stayed in Georgia.

(There was talk of families, lots of them had enough pull that they got to stay in Tennessee and Georgia.)

And I always kind wondered why the Beavers was moved out except for losing everything too.

(Yeah.)

They was my mother's folks.

(The Beavers.)

Yes sir. Grandpa's family moved out here to Cinncinnati same time Russells did. And they stayed around for a little while and didn't like it too well and went on to Arizaona. Grandpa and his brother Charlie come back. Charlie stayed over at Claremore. Raised his family over around Claremore. I never met any of them. Grandpa come down this part of the country here around on Beaver Springs over here.

(I've heard of it, yeah.)