

INTRODUCTION

(I'm visiting with Jeff Tindle, a 77-year old Cherokee of Rabbit Trap Community, Adair county, Oklahoma. Mr. Tindle talks about places, events, people and stories of the Cherokees.)

SALLY SQUIRREL ADAIR

(Well, they started that in what was 1838?)

I think it was 1838.

(She was a grown girl then.)

Yeah.

(What was her first name? Was it Annie?)

I never did know what her first name was. That's what I wanted to see Jess about.

(Yeah.)

And I'll tell you--

(Granny Squirrel is all I've ever heard.)

That's all I ever heard.

(Yeah. How old was she when she came on the Trail of Tears?)

Sixteen years old.

(Well.)

She remembered. I hear them telling she wasn't that high.

(Yeah.)

Not too big.

(Well, I guess, she saw a lot of things in her time too.)

Oh yeah.

(How old did she live to be?)

She lived to be 105 anyway.

(Yeah.)

Maybe 110. We figured it up one time, me and Alex. (irrelevant conversation)