

INTRODUCTION

(May 26, 1970. I'm visiting with Robert Long, an eighty-seven year old Wyandotte Indian of Wyandotte town, Ottawa county, Oklahoma.

Mr. Long has spent all of this life in this county and makes his home now at Wyandotte. He tells about some of the history of Wyandotte county.)

PEORIA IS THE OLDEST INCORPORATED TOWN IN THE AREA

No. I can't think of old man Mack Morton's given name. But he was the fella...My father was a delegate to statehood in this county.

Old Riley Cope land was a delegate to statehood in Delaware county.

He was a Cherokee. /Mr. Tyner stated that he was Delaware./ Come in the state. I was there when he come in the state.

(Yeah. And you say Peoria is one of the old places here?)

Yeah. It's the oldest incorporated town, I think, in the state of Oklahoma. And Wyandotte was incorporated way back yonder, but they lost their charter. We was talking about that when this dam come in here. I worked for the state highway department when...I built the... I run the first grader over this number ten.

(Yeah.)

And I had a little short territory from Miami to Tahlequah.

(Yeah.)

Not Tahlequah, but Spavinaw, Spavinaw.

WYANDOTTE IS AN OLD TOWN - BOUNDARY LINES

(Well, now, Wyandotte is an old place from all indications here.

Was the original town where it is now here?)

Well, the-principle part of the town was west.

(Was on west.)

Yeah. And the dam come in there, they moved it out. And put in lot of good houses on along up here.