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Joe Ross, Cherokee

INTRODUCTION

(April, 1970. Today I'm visiting Joe Ross, 89-year-old, full-blood Cherokee of Claremore, Oklahoma. Mr. Ross talks about some of the old days, that he has known, and some of the people of his time. Mr. Ross was born and raised in the old Saline District, of the Cherokee Nation. And he reflect on many things of his youth and early manhood.)

(First two sentences not clear.)

TALKS ABOUT OLD HOMES IN SALINE DISTRICT

His is old Doctor McNair.

(Doctor McNair.)

Felix, Dr. Felix McNair.

(That old big, two story house there, it was one that was built real early, in the Indian territory I guess?)

Oh, Yes!

(What did it look like? Mr. Ross.)

On back, north of the kitchen, one story building.

(Yeah.)

And the next room was the dining room. Then the next one was the living room, fireplace on the west side. And it was two story.

(Hum)

That they built on to that.

(Well).

Let's see now, yeah that's the way it was.

(That must of been quite a place?)

And on the east of it, there was a big hall there then.

(Yeah.)

A big hall on the east of that west that I'm talking about two story.