

INTRODUCTION

(May 20, 1970. I am with Andrew Thompson, an 82-year old Cherokee who was born and raised in the Colcord Country. He tells of many things that he has known during his time about people, places, and events in this part of what is now Delaware County.)

UN-NAMED CEMETERY

These records, ---records. And he told me that he had over there on old spring where I was born. He said they camped there during the Civil War. At that spring. And he told me there's a bunch of graves and not a marker--nobody knows a thing about them. Out in a field over there, there's twelve, fifteen people buried in there and there's not a marker, nothing. Not a record or anything.

(Would they have been Civil War soldiers or--)

Must have been.

(Yeah.)

Might have been Civil War. He was a captain in the Civil War. He went by the name of--oh, Captain Richardson.

(There must be a lot of places like that through this country.)

Now, over there where I was born my older sister died. I can't remember. There wasn't any cemetery closeby. And then dad went and buried her out back of our house. Well, somebody'd die and he just got the area started for private, well people would come there and want to bury. And I can think of twelve or fifteen graves there anyway. And what started all this was private cemetery but he wouldn't tell anybody. No, you know. That's over by Colcord.

(Well now is this fenced in and maintained yet?)