

(I am visiting this morning with Mr. Willie Woods, in Atoka. And I have with me, my father Ward Thompson, a full-blood Choctaw from Wilson. Mr. Woods are you full-blood Choctaw?)

Yes Sir! Yes Mam! (not clear) to school.

(You say you've never been to school.)

Huh?

(You say you didn't go to school much?)

I didn't go to school much. Keep me at home (not clear). Six miles right up here, southeast. This is my home town. (most of next sentence not clear)--just Indian Territory. Indian. That's all. Very little (not clear) just colored folks. First ones lived down here on Ferry--Dooley Ferry (?). (Name not clear) Billy Colbert--(rest of this sentence not clear). Used to live right down there. Good house. Choctaw. And he died. And I read where--girl. He had one boy. Boy died here a while back. Year ago, 'bout a year. That's all. And (not clear), he died. And John Howard, he's Choctaw--half Choctaw (not clear), he died. And (name not clear), he died, and Doctor Wright, he's Choctaw--doctor. (Name not clear)--used to live down in house down there now and he's dead--all dead. All those folks dead all back east of here, all dead. Papa's kinfolks over ther at Caddo--kinfolks--got all them kinfolks all dead. Papa's dead--kinfolks. I've got (not clear) send me--Department send me in airplane--I mean air. I draw there--when payments come. I draw my own money too. I'm drawing own money. And I'm (not clear) put him in service--11 months--12 months (not clear). I'm drawing a hundred dollars a month now. And security--I've got that Social Security, they give me that and allow me--I pay the hospital, that security--Social Security paid my hospital all (not clear). I've been in five hospitals, this be six. Yeah.