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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(April 9, 1968, I'm visiting with George Butler, sixty-five year old, full-blood Cherokee of Pryor, Oklahoma. Mr. Butler recalls events during his Indian school days from 1917 to 1923 and his boyhood in Cherokee County. He also relates experiences when he lived among the Osages. And mentions many old Indian personalities.)

EXPERIENCES IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOL

((Not clear)) (And drill like they did, I guess. You know they cut that drill in 1929, we didn't have to drill anymore.)

We still doing that and then we'd have a drilling contest, we'd during for part of the year, we'd have to drill every morning thrity minutes before breakfast. And ever time, no we didn't have to wear a uniform but on a Sunday when I went to Sunday School or church we had to wear them uniforms. They was kinda army looking you know.

(Kind of like an army post then wasn't it?)

Yes, it was.

(How many students where going to Chilocco when you went there in 19-- what 1923?)

That's when I went. Not too awful many. Quite a bunch though. It would be just a rough guess.

(I remember in 1928 they counted them and they had right around eleven hundred then.)

There wasn't that many then. Yeah, they just had four homes, for one, two,