

sure forgot. Yeah. She died on the Trail. And she is buried at Fort Gibson - or not Fort Gibson, but Park Hill.

(Where did the group that finally arrived with the Trail of Tears - where did they come into the Indian Territory at? To begin with?)

Don't know. Over there in Arkansas, some place. That's where they hit this country. But I couldn't tell just about what place it was. Never did hear anyone say.

CHEROKEE ALLOTMENTS

(Now the allotment to the Indians of land...)

You know, I can't remember which come first. They allotted (static interference) the land office there in Tahlequah.

(Well, did they have a procedure to go by in making the allotments, or -)

No. Only way - you go down there to the land office and tell 'em where you wanted to allot and if somebody else hadn't already got it, why you can get it. If somebody beat you to it, why you out of luck.

(You'd have to pick out another place?)

Yeah, you'd have to hunt you some other place.

Well, it was per capita. We had three hundred and some dollars per capita. Each one, and this land had been appraised so much an acre. Now if you got some of the best land, you wouldn't get but about \$50 dollars an acre. And mine, I believe, was \$5.00 an acre, part of it, a dollar an acre for this timber, black-jack hill land - that was a dollar an acre, fifty cents to a dollar an acre, and that's the way we got it.

(That's why we got fraction of land scattered all over the country then?)

Yeah. These "too-lates", the ones that come in too late, you know, why they just have to scrap around wherever they can get it; ten acres here and twenty acres somewhere else (static). Dad's and Mother's and (?) and Mary's all right there together, northwest of Locust.