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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(June 6, 1968. I'm visiting with Maude Rider Brown, a 90 year old Cherokee of Chelsea Community, Rogers County, Oklahoma. Mrs. Brown relates many events in her life in early day Indian Territory, pertaining to travel, schools, ancestors and pioneer life. She begins this interview by telling of having lived in the Chickasaw Nation at one time. And then of her life in the Cherokee Nation.)

EARLY DAY PLACES AND PEOPLE

Pryor Creek, Big Pryor, you know there's two Pryor's down there. And I was raised down there. My home, my father had a home, and we have a cemetery down there.

-(Was Pryor the nearest town to you there?)

Last one, well, in a way it was, after he left, we was pretty close to the creek. When we lived the first, where I was born. And then after I got to be a pretty good size kid, papa built a house up on the hill like, and that took us away from the graveyard. We lived there then, until I married. And well, both of us girls, my father and mother just had four children. They had two boys and two girls. And so after I married, then, well, we began to roam around, first one place and then another. I lived in Chickasaw Nation awhile. But now as for knowing about my father's people, I don't know anything about them, and what little I know--"Can't get my hearing aid in this morning." What little I know is just what my mother told me about the Tyner's. I knew Uncle Robin, or Uncle George, and Uncle Reubin, they were both, half-brothers I believe, weren't they? But, oh I thought the world of him. I