

you was just about out of town. You go any direction that you wanted to go to, you could start at one edge and walk to the other edge in less than an hours time. So, anyway you wanted to start. . . . I always start wondering when they start building those streets why they didn't run those streets straight. And I never did get that figure it out because you take main street---

(That's something that I've always been interested in.) ((Long pause here))

LOCATION OF SNAKE INDIANS AND WHY SO CALLED

(Where did the Snake Indians roam and live down in there?)

Little old place they call Bixby, it's right, you go down here to Boynton, and it's just behind that Lone Tree Mountain. There's a mountain down there they call Bald Mountain. And then there's the, what they call the mountain there, it's got the, when I was a young fellow, there was only one tree on top of that mountain and it was a blackjack. That's why they call it the Lone Tree Mountain. Cause there wasn't only just the one tree on top of that mountain. So they called it the Lone Tree Mountain. And, the, these Indians, there was little creeks and rivers in there and they could catch their fish, and there was still a few buffalo and lots of wild dogs. And so they could make their living in there, as long as they didn't bother the white people. Why, the law had no business with them. There was an old boy that, down here at Checotah, he'd play poker and shoot dice when he had his decks marked. And he'd just keep these Indian boys, you see they'd get out and they earn them a little money and they'd go there, go to Checotah and try to win back some they had lost, and so this gambler he'd always win.

(Those Snake Indians, they were from the Creek Nation, though, weren't they?)

Well, that was, see this is in the Creek Nation. See the Cherokee, just about,