

know exactly why they were fighting at at the time. . .

(You know about when he reached Oklahoma, or the Indian Territory?)

No, don't know nothing about that.

(Well, let's figure it out--now he was 12 when he come to Oklahoma--)

Said he was about 12 years old, and he came through with the Civil War, back there in the Civil War days, back when that was--I can't hardly remember--

(Well, let's see, he was 85, and he died in 1910--so he would have been 75 then in 1900--just a minute, let me--Now, Mr. Dean the way we got this thing figured, your father came to this country when he was 12 years old, all right now, that was in 1837, 14 years before the start of the--no 24 years before the start of the Civil War, so, chances are, that what he did, when he left Tennessee, he went to Florida and came out with one of the first groups of Seminoles to come to the Indian Territory. They, do you remember--and then it was later on when he was 36 years old--the Civil War started--later on then he served with the Northern forces, and probably went from the Seminole Nation to Kansas to join the Northern forces--Now do you remember stories about--did your father tell you when he left Florida, did they go by boat to New Orleans and come up to Oklahoma by wagon train or walking with the Seminoles?)

He mentioned by walking, he mentioned that they was walking through. He didn't mention anything about boats or anything like that.

MOTHER'S EXPERIENCES:

(Did your mother say, you said awhile ago, that she was in Florida and came out with the Seminoles?)

Yeah, she come through by those wagon trains, coming through country, and how they had to hide--lot of times when they see some soldiers coming, they run off in the bushes and hide til they pass by--they'd hide the little stuff and so forth--

(Now, when your mother came out, this was runaway slaves and Seminoles together who came out?--)

That's right, they were just hiding and runnin' and comin' through. Chitto