

Peter W. Hudson, Choctaw

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(American Indian Institute, and I'm trying to contact Choctaws and let them pretty well talk about what they want to talk about, what they remember and so forth. Let me get your name on here...I'm visiting with Mr. Peter Hudson in Antlers. Are you a full-blood Choctaw, Mr. Hudson?)

Yes, I am.

BORN AND RAISED NEAR EAGLETOWN, INDIAN TERRITORY

(A full-blood Choctaw. This is his home-place in Antlers, where he'd lived I guess, what'd you say, I guess 50 years, didn't you--?)

Over fifty years--60 something.

(Over 50 years, or something. When were you born?)

I was born August 29, 1877. Be 90 years old next month.

(August 29, 1877. Be 90 years old next month. Where were you born?)

I was born in Eagletown, Indian Territory, down there in McCurtain County--just a post office, and no town.

(Was that your parents allotment?)

GRANDPARENTS CAME OVER THE TRAIL OF TEARS

Well, they took their allotments in different places, but that was their home. I was raised there. That is my mother and daddy. My grand daddy, of course, came from Mississippi, I don't know, about 1817, I think, 18--somewhere along there when they moved. Maybe after that. Now, I may be wrong. Anyway, my grandfather and grandmother both came from Mississippi. That Trail of Tears that we hear so much about--it was bad, I'll tell you that. I don't know why, why we were treated that way, I don't know. We Choctaws, as a rule never did take up arms against the government of the United States at any time. In fact, as it happened quite a lot of other Indians, the Seminoles, who were neighbors of theirs, I guess, why, when they moved us my grandparents, grandfather