

they used to call Snake Indians. Course, I knew they had a meeting at Checotah one time. Chief there, Chief Chito Harjo I believe his name was, they was goin' to arrest him for rebellion. The state had the National Guard out there, soldiers. And he got away, and they didn't know what happened. I knew it all the time. Committee of Five, I think, course they were armed, horseback. They took him from this Council held over there this side of Muskogee. And come right on to river and the committee from this side met him, same amount. They went back and they come on, and when they got to this part of the country, why, the committee here met them and took them up to (not clear) Church house. Right there he stayed and died, by George. And government of Oklahoma couldn't find him. They thought he'd gone to Mississippi or something; but his grave--I've been to his grave lots of times.

(What was his name again?)

Chito Harjo. They call him Big Chief.

(Is he a Choctaw, named Harjo?)

No, not Choctaw--he was Chickasaw.

(Chickasaw?)

No, not Chickasaw, but Creek--

(Well, I was goin' say, Harjo sounded like a Creek name--Chito Harjo, Big Harjo--)

We just drifted, but I've heard lots of times about the government of Oklahoma, you know, let one full blood Creek Indian, beat him, by Joe. But they had, Choctaws had something to do with it. Soon as they got into Choctaw Nation by committee from Adair, no big amount, just six, I think, no three--met committee, brought him from there. I wondered lots of times how his wife ever got here. And a mountain that's a big mountain, Presbyterian church house, grave, lost of graves there. His grave's there, I don't know, they may have marked it, I don't know.