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Side I

PARKHILL COMMUNITY

(July 5, 1968. Today I'm visiting with Joanna Nave Parris, an 80 year old Cherokee of Parkhill Community, Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Mrs. Stilm has lived in this community all of her life and tells of many interesting things as she has observed in her time.)

(not clear) And so I bought it, but I let my son have it now. Well, that's all she could tell you I guess. I'll call her over here.

(How long has Parkhill been in existence?)

Well, I had a little, where it is I put things in that bottom drawer and can't find it. Earl Crawford came out here and got it. He was gonna put it that little paper but I haven't seen it in there. And it told, a Mr. Worcester you know, first founded the Presbyterian Mission, and he wanted to know about Parkhill. And old Worcester graveyard. I guess you know about it. Used to call it the Foreman, you know. Well I put it in here. No that ain't it. It's about it, it's about the Parkhill Church.

(Rev. Worcester, he's the one that established the Presbyterian Mission?)

Yes, uh-huh. And then told all about it. And Foremans. It told a right smart about it but.

(Was Foreman a missionary too?)

Yes. (Looks for paper. . . .)

BORN IN A LOG HOUSE IN 1888

(Where was your old home Mrs. Parris?)