

Joe I think he's dead. He had two boys. Well, I think there was another boy they called him Matt. I don't know if he is still living or not. He used to live up toward Chelsea close to what they call the Indian graveyard, right down in there.

NAMES SEVERAL SMALL TOWNS IN THAT AREA

(When you were a young fellow growing up in that country I guess Chelsea and Bushyhead and Claremore was the only place you had to trade wasn't it?)

Yeah, Foyil.

(Was there a store at Foyil too? Well, that's wide open country in there though places isn't it?)

Yeah. It was then.

(Well, it still is now. It's not settled much.)

I don't know there's quite a settlement in there. It was the last time I come through there. I worked for a fellow by the name of Blake. He had a bunch of white-face cattle in there. And the way we had herding them cattle--we didn't have no fence. We had to just round them up every evening you know and put 'em in a little corral. They would be crowded in there.

(Was water scarce then in those early days?)

No, it wasn't back there we had plenty of water, but it was all from creeks. There wasn't no big creek.

(Well, Will Rogers lived up there somewhere didn't he? His folks or was it down by Oolagah?)

Yeah. They had museum for Will Rogers, (not clear)--up there this side of (name of town not clear.).

(What--is Oolagah a Cherokee word?)

Well, I never heard, I guess it is.

(What does it mean in English?)

I don't know.