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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(October 3, 1968. Today I am visiting with Samuel Cummins, a 68 year old full-blood Cherokee of Rocky Ford Community, Northern Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Mr. Cummins has spent nearly all of his life in this area. He tells of his experiences and observations and the Indian people there.)

MUCH ABOUT OLD ROCKY FORD CHURCH AND MINISTERS

(This is the directory of the Rocky Ford Church)

Uh-huh

(And you have that record written down in Cherokee. Do you want to tell me about it, then I would like to hear it.)

Yeah.

(When is the date on that?)

1905

(1905)

The way it is, Superintendent of Sunday School, 1905. It says September 10, 1905 Baptist Church. Harry Thompson directed to organize the Baptist Church and further on they all agree to organize. This New Mission Baptist Church and also they have, since they have organize, they have called five Ministers here at this Church and here are the names. I don't know what they mean. This one, was my father, Joseph Cummins and a Dave Oldfield, them two I know. Then John B. Acorn and Daniel Bird and James Oldfield and Mose Oldfield. That was all of them, there was six of 'em. That was