

CEMETERIES - BURIAL CUSTOMS

(Did the community establish a cemetery in those early days here? In this country?)

Hurt West: Well, yeow, they established one pretty--right down here three miles. The biggest one a community cemetery around here.

(Did it have a name?)

Hurt West: Yeow. Call it Three Rivers Cemetery. It's between here and Ft. Gibson on this cut-off down here, 'tween here and Ft. Gibson. You know--

(Well it would be the oldest one I guess wouldn't it?)

Hurt West: Yeow. That's about the oldest one I know of round here in this area.

Mrs. West: You know the, in papa's day, they buried in the back yard.

George West: That's the way they started most of the graves here, jest take 'em out anywhere and bury 'em y'know--

Mrs. West: Bury 'em right, now his folks is buried right close to the house there, they jest taken 'em all of his folks.

Hurt West: Over there on this old place now--

Mrs. West: Now my father and his mother and father and sister, they was buried in a--right out from the back yard.

Hurt West: Now, papa's grand daddy was buried over at this old place, over on that place there, not right where this is, but wasn't far from it was it? Wasn't your grandfather--

Mrs. West: Well I don't know. Did they have any tombs George?

George West: Yeow, they had some but, they probably all fallen down.

Mrs. West: Been a long time since we was over there. But when his brother was alive, his brother owned a place you know it fell to him and he lived there and he kept it fenced so the stock and wouldn't get on the graves. And so after it was sold, after he passed, well I don't know how it is. I don't know whether they've put--what kind of a shape it is in now.