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EZEKIEL PACK 80 YEAR OLD CHEROKEE
WELLING, OKLAHOMA

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(October 9, 1968. Today I am visiting with Ezekiel Pack, an 80 year old Cherokee of Welling, Oklahoma. Mr. Pack was born at Proctor, but has spent most of his life in the Hungry Mountain area and in Adair and Cherokee Counties. He relates many personal experiences in his time. He tells of old towns and communities and pioneers of early day Oklahoma. Of particular historical interest is his revelation regarding the town of Welling at it's peak and of the old Elm Springs Indian Mission.)

EARLY DAYS

My brother was (not clear)--

(Well, what railroad was that, that went through here. It wasn't Iron Mountain was it?)

No.

(Cherokee Central? Frisco?)

No, Frisco is way over there.

(Kansas City Southern?)

No. Just a (?) name. All these buildins', them old part of 'em now, (not clear) and I went to Roswell, New Mexico down there, went to what you call the Southern California? Jest got back to see graveyard before they moved it. Then they went down in my mother's grave and my brothers in World War I and all they got was just the heads. We got the (not clear) plates, mothers shoes and the bones and all but a head and my brother the same way. Well they done that down in Texas and they got it. I'm gonna get it.

(Now let's see, where did they move 'em from, Barber to (?)--)

From Barber 'bout mile and a half. Now let's see.