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EARLY DAY NAMES AND PLACES

Oh there's so many different trees that don't grow here. Elm, locusts and that's about all that grows here now. I was eight or seven years old when we came up here. And that's the first thing that I learned. Was how to spell Coo-wee-scoo-wee.

(Well, Coo-wee-scoo-wee.)

(Son: Oh brother, I can't spell it!)

Some family was visiting us. And the same idea come up. What was this country before it was a state, you know. And I said, "Well, this was Coo-wee-scoo-wee District." The woman she laughed. And she said to him, "Now that's where they got it." And I said, "What do you mean?" They've named the street--

(Son: Highway.)

Highway out of town going north.

(Yeah.)

And they called it Coo-wee-scoo-wee. And it just tickled her. She couldn't imagine where they ever got such a name. And I wouldn't know where it come from either.

(Son: She brought up a name, see. Now he is the lenial grandfather in our tree, so it might have been a mistake of understanding on the war or something--)

(Well it could have been most anything. Well, I've heard of several cases where Indians for convenience or maybe out of respect or honor to an Anglo name adopted that name.)

(Son: He told me that he was Jack and took the name of Tucker. The folks who raised him.)

They don't stop to think about what it means when they decide on a name at the time and they just don't think about it. Now I had a brother, when he