

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(December 17, 1968. Today I'm visiting with Eva Barrett an eighty-eight year old Cherokee of Gore Community, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma. Mrs. Barrett tells about early day Illinois Station, what is now Gore. Early day life and people of the area. Sulphur Springs and other things.)

TOWN OF GORE HAS CHANGED SINCE EARLY DAYS

(You've always lived around this area haven't you, Mrs. Barrett?)

Right here. I said I've lived here in hollering distance of where I was born.

(Well, my goodness.)

All of my life.

(I brought a paper here. I wanted to get you to tell me what Gore was like, as far back as you can remember, in this country around here.)

Uh-huh.

(And I guess it has changed a whole lot.)

Oh lord yes. Not no more like Gore used to be than nothing in the world.

(Yeah. Well it was about the only trading center for miles around. At one time. I guess.)

I know it.

(Uh-huh.)

There wasn't very many houses here.

(And what old Indian territory district was this. Was this Illinois district?)

Indian --

(The Cherokee nation district.)

Yeah. Yeah.

(Illinois district.)

Yes, Illinois.