

INTRODUCTION.

(December 13, 1968. Today I'm visiting with Frank Warren a seventy-seven years old and his wife, Molly, sixty-nine years old, both Cherokee Indians of Peggs, Cherokee County, Oklahoma. They tell of many things including the Peggs tornado of 1920. The old town of Melvin. The Cherokee stomp dance. And convicts on the Iron Mountain railroad in 1902. And of other historical facts of early eastern Oklahoma.)

EARLY DAYS OF PEGGS

(Well, a hotel.)

Pool halls. Even sold coffins here.

(Well, I'll be doggone!)

And everything. Had a cotton gin here. Grist mills. I know of two or three--- Let's see about three blacksmith shops here.

RECALLS MUCH ABOUT TORNADO - 1920

(Now the, do you remember the dates of that, the Peggs cyclone? Was that in May, 1920 or---?)

Yeah, May 1920. Let's see, that's years ago.

(It was on a Sunday, I---)

Yes, it was on a Sunday. It was day of Odes funeral. She'll know. I believe it was the fifth. I ain't for sure. When she gets back in here. She'll tell you. There was thirty-five people dead right here across the street.

Right here. Just out here where the wounded people were. Just gathered them up. Put them wherever they could find a place to put them.

(Well, my goodness.)

I worked all night long. Just gather 'em up and put 'em in where we could