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INFORMANT: WILLIAM FLINT, CHEROKEE
OGEECHEE, OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
INTERVIEWED BY: J. W. TYNER
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PART I

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(January 8, 1969. Today I'm visiting with William Flint an eighty-nine year old Cherokee of Ogeechee Community, Ottawa County, Oklahoma. Mr. Flint is one of the oldest living residents of this community of the old Cherokee Nation. From him, we learn some of the things of this old community.)

EARLY WHEN TOWN OF OGEECHEE EXISTED

Jenny: Bought up all that land up there. (Daughter Jenny assists in interview.)

(Uh-hum)

Jenny: He wanted to sell it I guess . He told them it'd be fairer land than this down here along the creek. Be a better place. He still wanted to sell his land up there, his lot. Said, "It'd be fairer land up that than this down here along this here creek for a town."

Mr. Flint: I know a couple down here wanted them to, got them to build a school down here. Then moved them down here to ramrod the building.

(Him)

Mr. Flint: So they just quit and went up there.

(Yeah)

Jenny: (words not clear) When they lived down here in that log house.

(Uh-huh)

When the dam went in, they tore it down and built a railroad over it. It was one of them old fashioned log houses then.

(Yes ma'am.)

Belonged to Mr. Shyhard's grandparents. (sentence not clear.)

(Well not is this uh- your folks' original allotment right in here?)