

It sure does and at the same time it brings in the feeling that could cause quite a bit of disturbance in this community.

(Un-huh, I see. You feel like some of the feelings are running pretty strong, huh?)

Pretty strong. In other words there could be violence are anything could happen to be reminded again exactly what our forefathers or grandparents had gone through.

RELATIVES CAME ON TRAIL OF TEARS - EXPLAINS

(Un-huh, did your grandparents come over on the "Trail of Tears"? Your ancestors?)

Yes. Un-huh. Sure.

(Did some of them languish and die on "The Trail"?)

Sure, there were numbers of our relatives that died on the road. And we understand that they were ditched off in the road sides and did not have time to have a funeral or to see into what, how they were put away after they were beaten to death. I have a picture today the first cemetery that was built in Cherokee Nation, before they had their directions. There's two graves that I know of, the two graves are, the heads are toward South and all the other graves are buried according to the system we use today which their heads pointing to West--toward the West.

(Toward the West--uh-huh.)

The first two that was buried here in this Nation, they buried them with their heads pointing South.

(Humnn--that's contrary to Cherokee law, I mean burial customs?)

No, that was before they got their directions.

(I see.)

They were beaten to death and when they buried these two bodies that were beaten to death that was I guess, the day that they stopped this drive, the husband and the wife both refused to go any further and they were killed in