

Yeah, my folks was. Yeah. I was born after Statehood. 1910.

(Yeah, so there's a possibility it could have been Rogers?)

Yeah.

(Well, now Chief Keeler's been in now for about fifteen or twenty years, hasn't he?)

Something like that, about twenty years I guess.

(Uh-hun. Well as far as the Cherokee tribe is concerned, have you, do you think there's been an **improvement** or can you see anything that is happening?)

A gain, anything like that?

(Yeah, some gains that you've achieved?)

If we don't do anything, we're going to lose out. I believe that's right.

(You think ~~that~~ it could be better, in other words?)

It could be better.

(Un-huh)

If we work at it. It could get better yet.

(Well, that's good. Now do you all elect your chief or--?)

No.

(How is that determined?)

They've--these--all the chiefs that I know of have been appointed. Over yonder.

(You mean Washington?)

Washington, Yeah.

(Uh-huh)

The Bureau of Indian Affairs they're called.

(I see.)

Some place up there. We don't know anything about it. We don't know what goes on. I don't know what happens if (not clear) died out. Then Marlin(?) took it over.