

They never did tell us not to but it was never taught. I mean we were never encouraged to.

(Did they have any kind of books pertaining to Indian History or any of the Indian cultures or anything--like in your curriculum?)

No, not to the schools that I went to.

(It was strictly just the--concerning the White Race?)

Un-huh.

(I see. Do you think that that might help the morale a little bit more?)

Well it might. I know that a lot of Indians would learn something about their, you know, back-ground and all that because I never did know much about what the Cherokee's went through and I didn't even know anything about the TRAIL OF TEARS until I came back to my own people.

(Un-huh)

Because we never read about that in school. No body ever told me.

(Un-huh, in your case it just so happened that you never had any of your relatives to tell you about it or your parents so you just didn't hear about it until later?)

There were a lot of things about the Cherokee people that, you know, I didn't know about until I came back. To Oklahoma, to my own people.

(Well then you were probably brought up Christian too, weren't you?)

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(Baptist?)

Yeah, Baptist. We go to an Indian Baptist Church now. 'Course when I was away working during the summers, I went to a you know, white-man's church.

It was still Baptist. At school they had churches to go to. They had Baptists and you know, other Christian groups.