

Rufus Lacie, Cherokee

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(April 21, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Rufus Lacie, an eighty-two year old full-blood Cherokee of Alberty's Prairie, Adair County, Oklahoma. Mr. Lacie talks about the old days of this part of the country. It's places and it's peoples.)

EARLY DAY SCHOOLS - CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS USED SAME HOUSE ALTERNATELY

Yeah, grandfather.

(Yeah, your grandfather.)

The big house burnt down here. Right here in the center of this section here.

(Well.)

Then we built a log house. We had two houses that burnt down over there.

(And then you had to walk across the mountain to go to school?)

No. The road run right straight north of us--right straight to the church house. These section lines wasn't known them days, you know.

(Oh, I see now. Yeah.)

If we have to--we just--we had--there's school house right north of here --after statehood.

(Yeah. What did they call this school house up here?)

Well, after established a school house up here, they called it Morris School house.

(Morris school.)

Yeah. Let's go inside.

(Well, I tell you, this is where old Morris School house located. Where was it before they moved it here?)

Well, that was the church house.

(Oh, this was a church house?)

After they moved here this was the old Morris place--they just called it.