

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(April 30th, 1969. Today, I'm visiting with Arch H. Ray, a seventy-five year old Cherokee of Bunch Community, Adair County, Oklahoma. Mr. Ray tells some of the things of this historical old place.)

(Who were some of the other families here, Mr. Ray?)

I remember the--(static)

EARLY HISTORY OF BUNCH COMMUNITY

(Do you have any idea when your post office started here?)

No, I don't. But it was built when the railroad was built through here.

(Yeah.)

You find out--the post master didn't know?

(Well, now, I didn't ask him about that. I'll check with him though.)

These people went from this part of the country to the inland of Arkansas to the mill.

(Well.)

I've heard them talk, you know.

(Yeah.)

Fort Smith, you know--take their jimmies (tools) and things like that. And, oh, yes, old man Ike Sanders is an old timer. He was one of the first came here on the Trail of Tears, I guess. He was a fine old man. He lived south of town here, two miles.

(Ike Sanders.)

Ike Sanders. Yeah, he was a Civil War soldier. He used to come to the store there. When I first come to this country, there was an old fellow in Fort Smith name of Bollinger.

(Bollinger.)

Sold track here. And they'd relive those years back. They meet each year.