

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(May 14, 1969. Today, I'm visiting with Sam Chewey, an eighty-two year old full-blood Cherokee of Crittenden Community, Adair County, Oklahoma. Mr. Chewey talks about the Cherokee families and of Indian personalities that he had known in his time. He also talks about the places and events and his travels over the years. He dates as one of the oldest Cherokees still living in his home community.)

ROUGH TIME IN EARLY DAYS - NINE DISTRICTS IN NATION

(Yeah, people carry guns all the time.)

Yeah, all the time.

(I guess, you can remember those days, can't you?)

Oh, yes.

(Uh-huh. Yeah, them was rough old times. Was this Delaware district or Goingsnake?)

Used to be Goingsnake, you know.

(Goingsnake district.)

It was nine districts them days.

(Yeah.)

French, Goingsnake, Delaware, Chewey, I don't know the rest.

(Illinois and Sequoyah and Canadian and Saline.)

There was nine districts.

(Nine districts. Do they have--let's see, the courthouse for Goingsnake, that was whereabout?)

Way up there in (not clear) district.

(Yeah.)

Right above (not clear) creek.