

grew up together. Mort Lowery, he was another old settler. Jethro Johnson, he was another old settler. They married Indian women. They was white boys. Mike and Johnson was white men, but they married Indian women. They like Indians. Old man Martin, he had--his woman was part Indian. He was white man. His people come from Tennessee. He got in with the Indians. He was raised here.

(Yeah.)

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Born just close to Stilwell. After I was born--I got into it about that. Draw that old age pension money, and I went in there, and they ask me a lot of questions. One was an old woman getting old and gray headed. The other was a young woman. These young people they got now, you know, they was born here in Oklahoma after statehood.

(Yeah.)

Now, she kinda wanted to ask me questions, you know, damn smartey from them rock and roll and twist dances, I guess.

(Yeah.)

"Mr. Rider, you was born in the United States, wasn't you?" I said, "No."
"What? Where were you born?" "I was born right close to where Stilwell is now." "Oh, well, you was born in Adair county." I said, "No, I wasn't born in no damn Adair county. There wasn't no county there when I was born."

(That's right.)

"Well, you was bound to. That's Adair county." I said, "It is now, but," I said, "(word irrelevant) hundred years ago, it was something else."

(Right.)

I said, "I wasn't born in the United States." I said, "I was born in the Indian Territory in the old Cherokee Nation." I said, "That was what the