

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

June 2, 1969. (Today I'm visiting with Hubert Vann; a 74-year old Cherokee of Martha Brown community, Mayes county, Oklahoma. Mr. Vann was born and raised in this country and has been here all of his life. He tells of many things that he has seen; the peoples he has known and some of the events that he has observed. )

EARLY DAYS IN CHOUTEAU

(It was Tom Snodgrass)

Yeah. He had most of the hardware stuff, wagons, stuff like that. He was merchant in Chouteau. Yeah he--Tom died, been dead 3 or 5 years.

(Yeah. That Adkins, what did he run there?)

Mose Adkins?

(Yeah)

He run that dry goods store over there in the bank.

(Oh yeah. Yeah. And then Gordon Lindsay had one bank.)

Yeah.

(Who had that other bank?)

Who was that. I can't think of his name.

(But they did have two banks going at one time, didn't they?)

Oh yeah, yeah. They had two going there at one time. That one right on the corner there, and--

(Yeah)

Then another one - yeah, First National.

(And who had the Mercantile there, do you remember?)

Was it--was it--it was Mose Adkins, wasn't it?

(I thought there was another one there.)

Well, there was one there (words not clear) that was--

(Yeah, that was the one.)