

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(June 11, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Ollie Bennett, a 91 year old of Seneca ancestry in Strang Community, Mayes County, Oklahoma. Mrs. Bennett talks about this community and she has lived here for 54 years.)

Right here.

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(Well, this used to be a big town, is that right?)

Yeah this used to be a good town. I don't know what happened they--and it's still that way. There's a few here that's against anything that's to build up.

(Yeah, I guess you used to have a lot of stores here.)

Just two stores.

(Just two stores. But at one time you had a lot of them, is that right?)

Yeah, that was when we even had a bank here, you know.

(Well, and you had a railroad too?)

Huh?

(You had a railroad?)

Oh yeah. The railroad was just a year old when Jim and I come here.

(Yeah. Well. Is that the old railroad bed through there?)

Yeah. Yeah, that's it.

(Well, my goodness. Well you've seen a lot of changes then haven't you?)

Oh yeah. And you know all the young folks--all the kids born here are gone and they're all grown up and married and got families.

(Where were you raised?)

Where was I raised?

(Yes.)

Glenn, Kansas. That's just across the state line from Joplin. It's just 8 miles from Glenn to Joplin. Yeah, I was a sick woman when Jim brought me