

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(June 17, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Sam Gourd, a 79-year old full blood Cherokee of Moody's community, Cherokee county, Oklahoma. Mr. Gourd talks about the old days of the Cherokee Nation and the many peoples that he has known and the events and things of historical interest.

OLD CEMETERIES - PEOPLE BURIED THERE

And before this here cemetery, you's talking about. You can't get to it unless you was afoot. Way out in a man's pasture. And then, I imagine, its all growed up. Yeah, a fella couldn't get to it unless you was afoot. (Yeah.)

The man that owns it, he's liable to run a fella out of there.

(Who owns that place, country now?)

Some white man, I don't know who he is.

(Bout how far would it be down the creek from Moodys' store?)

It will be about, oh I'd say about three miles.

(About three miles. I'll try to find that thing and find out who owns the land and see if we can get that record made of that.)

Well, I'll tell you who you can find out who owns the land. Was you talking to Mary Gourd down there at Hooley's? Is that where you met her? Well, they could have told you right there how to get to it. As soon as you pass Hooley Gourd's house --

(Yeah.)

You cross a kind of a-- well, it's just a dry branch.

(I remember it.)

Well, when you cross there you go south. It's a little ways. There's a rock school house right side of the road, but they made way of that school,