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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(June 23, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Emmet Lowrey, a 73-year old Cherokee of Stigler, Oklahoma. Mr. Lowrey talks about his native Briartown country and of the many peoples and events of interest that he has known.)

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BRIARTOWN AND PEOPLE WHO LIVED THERE

(Yeah, I've read of Sam Starr.)

Well, Tom was his father.

(Yeah. And then Tom. Well not that--were they--was he the father of Belle Starr?)

No. Belle Starr was Shirley, you know.

(That's right. Sure.)

But Sam lived with her. He was Tom's son.

(But I was just wondering how old Briartown is?)

Oh, I wouldn't know.

(It must be an old place.)

Well, it was settled right after the Indians come from--through on the Trail of Tears, see. Now they first landed up there on the Illinois River.

(Yeah.)

That was the first. And then there was a bunch of 'em come on down in here.

Then there was some Indians come up--what did they call them. Did they call them immigrants.

(Yeah)

That came up out of Texas.

(Out of Texas.)

Yeah. Now my grandmother's people came out of Texas.