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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(June 24, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Cotton Ross, an 80-year old Cherokee of the Simms community, Muskogee county, Oklahoma. Mr. Ross talks about his life in this part of the old Cherokee Nation of the Canadian district.)

MUCH ABOUT THE STARR FAMILY

Bill Vann lived in house out there. She said, Blue, you all want to see my twins? He was tired of talking about it. So, he said, "yeah. I'd like to meet 'em." So, he went in the house with her. She throwed the pillow back on the bed. And there was two pearl handled pistols laying there.

(Well. And that was her twins.)

And she told Papa about robbing a Jew one time. Her and two more fellas.

(Well.)

Got a pair of these old women's stockings. Of course you never did see any, I don't guess. (not clear) But them was old cotton green-looking stockings. They turn green after you wore 'em a little while.

(Well.)

And she said they put that sock over that Jew's head and pulled it down over his head and he couldn't get it off. (laughter) And he finally, after they left, why I don't know how they found that out. He got to fooling around and found a nail upon the wall.

(Yeah.)

Hooked his foot around and spun down and pulled it off his head. (laughter)
But I don't think--now right back over here about four or five miles, what you call Starr valley: There was a store there. And old Tom Priest has got a sign over there and calls it Starrvilla. Some of his just little old (words