

cover from 1866 through 1907, is almost an impossibility. What I'll be doing, at least I will try to cover the highlights of our history from that time, and I'm sure that some of you have good background in Oklahoma history. At least two or three of my students who are in class, so you may be getting a double dose in a few places. History of Oklahoma is to me a most unusual history, for several reasons. One for example, the fact that our state was, in fact the first region of our fifty states to be traversed or covered by a European, and not until 1907 made a state, as most of you know. Alfalfa Bill Murray once said, that all the pieces of Oklahoma joined together, it reminded him of a butcher's cleaver. So what I'm going to be doing the next hour, hour and a half, will be trying to piece, place the pieces together like a jigsaw puzzle. So I hope come some quarter of nine or nine, that we'll have a major part pieced together. Now since I don't know what has been said up to this point, I think it might be well for a re-review, to give some of you that perhaps have been a long time since you have studied Oklahoma history. To go back and think in terms of a brief review up to '66. Then we'll go from that point to 1907.

BACKGROUND OF EARLY SETTLERS AND INDIAN ENCOUNTER

In the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries when the Europeans, that's the Spanish, the French and English, started arriving in the New World. They observed certainly the Indians living in the deep south. A short time later, the term Five Civilized Tribes started to be used. And at that time in the early nineteenth century along about 1805, 1810-15, the estimated population was around seventy-five thousand. Now I'll have to apologize, only one board I can put up one map of it, so you're going to have to picture the deep south. Louisiana, part of it, Mississippi, Alabama,