

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(August 26, 1969. I am visiting with Ross Bowlin, a 60-year old full-blood Cherokee of the Iron Post community, Mayes county, Oklahoma. Mr. Bowlin talks about his life in these far away hills.)

CHANGES FROM EARLY DAYS

(You were raised right through this country, were you?)

Yeah, all along in here, but really I was raised around Little Rock community.

(Yeah. Little Rock. Well has the country changed a while lot since you was a young fella?)

Oh yeah, there's a hundred percent change.

(Well, I guess it has, yeah.)

Even this here, it hasn't been in too long. This road hasn't been.

(Yeah.)

These fences. I used to hunt back in here, but I can't now. These fences are in.

(Well that's the way it is lots of places. They got everything fenced up. Can't hunt.)

I guess right across the road south of me there'll be more clearing done. Lots of people bought land and grass, you know.

(Yeah.)

Over the hollow, this is pretty country.

(Well.)

Incidentally that there was a wagon road. Way back there going on out to--going towards Paint.

(Yeah.)

HUCKLEBERRY COUNTRY

Crossed over in that one. Well, it went into hollow, they call Dark Hollow.