

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(September 19, 1969). Today I'm visiting with Theodore Scott, a seventy-five year old Cherokee of the McLain Community in Muskogee County, Oklahoma.

Mr. Scott has been here all of his life. And he talks much of the people that used to live here. And of the places and the events that he has known.) You and -- my dad was supposed to be, his mother was a McLain.

(Yeah.)

I don't whether this thing derived from any of his -- .

TOWN OF MCLAIN IN EARLY DAYS

(Well, it would sound reasonable, wouldn't it?)

The best that I can remember is someone down on that Dirty Creek they had a saw mill. There was a bunch that run a saw mill down there. Seem like his name was McLain. Originally down there. And then it moved up where it is now. And there's been one to three stores down there ever since.

(Well, now, the town of McLain has been a whole lot bigger than what it is now?)

Yeah, more stores.

(What all did they have at one time?)

They had three general stores in all. Two of them was general stores. One of them was kind of grocery and dry goods. The other they was hardware, harnesses and plow tools. And they had a post office, had a doctor and drug store.

(Well. Who was the doctor? Do you remember his name?)

Well, his name Doctor Albert Hair, he was there. And Doctor Tom Scott, dad's brother. He was a doctor there. For a while.

(I see a sign on the building down there, two story building. See I.O.O.F. They did have an Odd Fellow Lodge then?)