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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(October 3, 1969. Today I'm visiting with John Raincrow, a 60-year old Cherokee of the Qualls community, Cherokee county, Oklahoma. Mr. Raincrow has lived in this area all of his life and he speaks of his many experiences and observations.)

EARLY SETTLERS IN THE COMMUNITY

(In this area?)

Uh-huh.

(Out, course now, the Raincrows are probably some of the first that were here.)

Yeah, they was here since, I guess, back--well, they, I guess, before statehood.

(Uh-huh)

Ever since I can remember some come from North Carolina.

(I would think so. Either North Carolina or Georgia.)

(Not clear)

(Were here a long time ago, do you remember?)

Well, the Hudson's and Pettits up here, then too.

(Yeah)

And further on down was a place called Greenleaf about two or three miles on west of here. That was an old community, you know.

(Yeah)