

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(October the 21, 1969, I am visiting with Claude Cochran, a 65-year old Cherokee, of the Rucker Community, Rogers County, Oklahoma. Mr. Cochran talks about some of the history of Rogers County, its people and places.)

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Now I believe now that it was--a big yard and I tried to see old home place now I could be mistaken but I'm sure there is.

(No, (name not clear). Yeah, these were Indians.)

Now I'll tell you where they live. You see--this Jess Cochran, and Ben Franks, and another Indian were killed down at Catoosa. And they were robbing the store. So this Cochran, Arch, asked Hendricks if he could bury Jess there in his cemetery. He said, "No, he's an outlaw and a bad man." So Arch then took him on down there where -- where it -- where it's at his home and this is (not clear) got there. And so--that made quite an impression on me, because mom told me that cemetery was just, she thought, right around the hill there.

(I've heard of that one.)

Now if--a--if I'm not mistaken -- I believe momma told me that these Hendricks were relations to Bessie Hickman at Catoosa. Bessie Hickman. And she could tell you probably more about that than I could. Now I got a letter from Bessie the other day. She's kind of in bad health, but you know where the coal, McAnn Coal Company is?

(Yeah.)

Well you know where that road turns up west they called Pine Street. And then the road goes east to the left as you go to Tulsa. It's to the right as you come back like you turn back right going to Timber Ridge out there. Well Bessie lives in that big stone house just on the east side of the