

INTRODUCTION

(October 24, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Ralph Chamberlain, an 87-year old Cherokee, of the Pheasant Hill Community, Craig County, Oklahoma. Mr. Chamberlain talks about his community and about Craig County having been born and raised here and having spent all of his life here.)

EARLY DAYS OF PHEASANT HILL

They'll tear some of the building down. It was built out of two inch pine.

(Well. It must have been a strong building to be built out of two inch pine.)

(Not clear.)

(How long did--had that home place stood there?)

Oh, it stood now, for, let's see, 1948. (Sentence not clear.)

(That was still part of the Pheasant Hill Community wasn't it?)

Yeah, oh yeah, we went right straight south for about a mile to Sunday School and school and ever thing. There was a big bell. It was just as clear as any bell I've ever heard. It was an awful big bell.

(Was there a little place called Whitney at one time up in there?)

Yeah. There was many who if I had brains to call 'em. (words not clear.)

(That was back in the old Indian Territory days, wasn't it?)

Yeah.

(Yes, sir and it was Woodley I.T.)

Woodley I. T. Bill O'Neal. (words not clear)

(Oh, Bill O'Neal well did he run that little store there?)

Yeah, he run the store.

(One minute of informants conversation is unintelligible.)