

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(October 13, 1969. I'm visiting with Eunice Bluejacket Wilson, a 71-year old Shawnee of Delaware, Nowata county, Oklahoma. Mrs. Wilson speaks of many things about her family and of the Shawnees and their close relatives, the Delaware Indians.)

(Well)

They sure did.

(Now were the--did the Besion, was he the one that gave the land?)

Well, I think it was his wife, Aunt Mary. I guess, Uncle Steve Besion was a full-blood Delaware.

(Yes)

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So I believe it came from her allotment. I think I would say there was a--where they lived, and it was on her allotment. She gave the land for the cemetery. Soloman Armstrong, Minnie J. Armstrong, Elmer Matt, he's kin to Andy Wilson. His wife was Mrs. Andy Wilson's sister. And Kelly Dushanes, that was her. She really was my sister-in-law. And Barbara Newcomb, that's Sol Newcomb's daughter. Robert Patterson. That seems all along 1877. They are white and Aunt Mary said there'd be no white people buried in the cemetery. Oh, she despised white people. Oh, she was such a full-blood. She just couldn't hardly stand dealing with no white people. She was just that way. (Laughter)

(A lot of them are.)

Yes, they are, the older ones. Perhaps the younger ones are different. Let's see, Emily (word not clear) and Ike Secondine. He was full-blood. First bald headed Indian that I ever saw. He was full-blood.