

SHAWNEE AND DELAWARE TRIBES COME IN 1869

(That wouldn't have been long after the Delawares come here. Would it?)

No the Delawares come here the same time the Shawnees did.

(1867?)

I think--yes--I think that it was '69 maybe when Grandad, Grandmother came. They didn't come to start with. They--oh--they didn't know what to do. They had two hundred acres on the Shawnee reservation. Those that wanted to accept allotments and then carry the responsibility for those allotments. And Grandad had his two hundred acres. Had a deed to it and they parleyed about it. And he left it up to Grandma. He said, "Now that's up to you. You've got these little children." See, they had four. And he said, "If you want to go down to the Cherokee Nation. We will. well, you know, after they, well, weeks and weeks passed so they finally decided to come. Summertime, nice time to travel. And I said 'oh, what a pitiful thing. Just see those Indians, had to gather up what they could haul in a wagon. Leave their homes and start out cross the country to a new home and not knowing anything about it. But, of course, the Cherokee Nation at that time was a wonderful place to be in. 'Course they told 'em, said, "Oh, there's lots of fish, lots of game. Oh, that's a happy thought, isn't it? To look a person in the face, well, you can live on wild game as far as we're concerned.

RELATIONSHIP WITH BLUEJACKET FAMILY

(What was your granddaddy's name?)

Thomas Bluejacket.

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And he father was Henry Bluejacket, a brother of Chief Charles. Yeah, Thomas BlueJacket was his name. And of course, they're buried at Vinita.