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BESSIE SKINNER NELSON

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(November 17, 1969. Today, I am visiting with Bessie Skinner Nelson, a 70 year old Cherokee of the Lickbend Community of Mayes County, Oklahoma. Mr. Nelson talks about some of the history of the Lickbend country.)

LOCATION OF OLD HOPEWELL MISSION

(Of your knowledge, in the recent history, what can you tell me about the Hopewell Mission?)

Hopewell? Now, where is it located?

(Well, now, on the map there from the Union Mission it would be about---)

Over across the river, wouldn't it over here?

(About three miles north of here. It existed about the same time as the Union Mission did.)

Three miles north?

(Maybe, four. I think it was across that first creek up there.)

Did it mention it was across the river?

(No, it was on this side.)

On this side?

(Yes, man.)

Well, no I don't.

(I just thought you might have read something about it and knew the location and maybe some of its history that hadn't been recorded.)

Well, I just knew Hopewell Mission was in Pensacola.

(Yeah, then, they--they--they moved it up there after they abandoned their location here.)

Oh, that is close to Salt Spring, isn't it?

(Yes, it would be close to Salt Spring.)