

INTRODUCTION

(November 6, 1969. Today I'm visiting with George Houston, a 75-year old Cherokee, in Wagoner County, Oklahoma. Mr. Houston talks about some of the history of the community of Gideon and of Cherokee County.

HOUSTON FAMILY

(He was seven years old.)

He got killed in '94.

(1894.)

Yeah. I was born in March 28, '94 and he got killed in June. I believe it was June when he was killed.

(Did it tell here how he was killed?)

Yeah, he's shot.

(He was shot.)

Yeah, all about it there. We was all looking. Cherokee Bill is the one that killed him.

(And Mack is your older brother.)

Yeah.

(Let's see Mack Houston, long barber and businessman in Tahlequah, is a native of Cherokee County and a resident of Tahlequah since 1921. He was born at Gideon, Indian Territory in 1887. His father, Sequoyah Houston, three-quarters Cherokee was also born and reared in the same community. Then called Blue Springs.

(Interruption)

(Was there a Blue Springs there at Gideon?)

Yeah.

(Which was from that cemetery?)

Oh right due west of the old--where my father's buried.