

EARLY DAY CHEROKEES - SKEPTICAL

Have you--have you ever learned anything about what the different names in Cherokee mean?

(Yes, mmmm-hmmm.)

(static) There's a Cherokee area up there, and they have a--oh, they had a little school, a new school, and they had this little church yard, cemetery.

(Well, just north of Houston.)

Well, it's up above Cleveland. I've forgot just exactly where it is now, but then, 'course, it's pretty well known down in around there.

(Yeah.)

And they were Cherokees, but they were not Oklahoma Cherokees.

(That's right. They were Texas Cherokees.)

Uh-huh, uh-huh. And they'd--you'd find all kinds a colored glass and stuff marked in their graves. Maybe, some of the same families that quite of them drifted to Texas.

(They did, oh, yes.)

I'm gonna spend--spend a whole day down through that little area.

(That would be most interesting to--course, now, that would be something real old in the history of the Indians and the Cherokees. Course, there were a number of Cherokees that went to Texas. Some of them even went to Old Mexico.)

Well, now, I heard of more--over the one of these top programs--one night, he was called up and he was from up in Iowa. And he said that his family came with the first Cherokees--I don't know whether he said out of Georgia or where it was from now. But he said that they were the first Cherokees to come west, and they didn't come with the Trail of Tears. They come years before the Trail of Tears.