

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

I'm visiting with William Human, Cherokee of Chouteau, Mayes County, Oklahoma, December 10, 1969. Mr. Human talks about his native Muskogee County, some of its places, events and people.

VARIATION OF THE NAME "KILLER"

(Speaking now of the Indian names. Sixkiller. How many variations of the Killers have you--named have you 'found?)

Mrs. Human: Oh Fourkiller.

(Yeah.)

And, I don't know. I'd have to think a minute. I know there's lot of Fourkillers.

(Yeah. And there are Fivekillers.)

Fivekillers.

(And there's Threekillers.)

Well, I know--I don't recall Threekiller.

(And then there is the Tenkiller.)

Yes. Tenkiller. (words not clear)

(That's all I've run across so far. I don't know what the original name in Cherokee would have been for each of those. I guess it would--each one of 'em would have ended in the surname of Teehee, which is Killer in Cherokee.)

In Cherokee.

(And probably prefixed by the number corresponding whatever number people that they killed or claimed to have killed.)

NAMING OF "FROZEN ROCK" AREA -- CEMETERY, SCHOOL, CHAPEL

I think last year, last year, maybe it was last year or year before last They were having some night classes over at Tahlequah. They were going to teach it--Cherokee language. And so Bill--I told Bill, I said,