

I know there's one put away out here, Mr. Griffen. And, if I remember correctly, the weather the day they put him away was 10 above. They had a terrible time out there, the ground frozen, not only that but rocky in there. Not too long ago, it's been the past year, past two years, they put a fellow way out here an they start digging and they dug into another grave. At least that's what I heard, (sentence not clear) well--that is another thing that adds to that, there's an old ferry out there just above the old promenade. And they would come into this ferry and then they would go straight north into Baxter Springs. Not only that, but oh within a mile of the river there, not where the ferry was, but where the old government blacksmith was and within a mile west of that was the old military trail. So all of it ties in.

(It certainly does.)

VERY FEW TRADING POSTS IN EARLY DAYS

(Were there any trading posts through that area or the area bounded by the reservations of these little tribes of Indians before they had towns of course?)

Well, I don't know of any here but there was a trading post over on Neosho. That was in, what you might say midway between Neosho and Miami. Then there, I think, there was another trading post southwest, southeast of Miami. But I think, possibly as far as trading in this part, the closest was the Baptist up there. That's been there for quite a while.

(Baxter Springs is an older place than Seneca isn't it?)

I don't know whether they did it or not.

BAXTER SPRINGS AND SENECA ARE VERY OLD TOWNS

(I don't remember just how old Seneca is--I've got a little book about Seneca somewhere.)