

INTRODUCTION

(January 27, 1970. I am visiting with Cooper Grayson, a sixty-six year old Creek Indian of Oktaha, Muskogee county, Oklahoma. Mr. Grayson talks about this part of the country and its peoples, places and events that he has known. It was an old, old town, just the way it looks, and it must have been, at one time, one of the Creek Nation towns, from what I can find out. How big was this town at one time as you remember it?)

It was about like it is now as I can remember it.

OKTAHA POSTOFFICE AND THE TOWN AND PEOPLE

(But they did have a town and park here at one time, didn't they, and store?)

Yeah, we was right around ways from the post office when we was with Loney.

(Well!)

You see that rock building there? That was in Oktaha, that big old rock building over there way off from Loney.

(Well, my goodness! And that was the main street of town.)

That was the main street of town.

(That great big building.)

That big old rock building there, is the main street of town. Was a bank there one time.

(Well!)

And we still have a post office around here.

(Yeah? But all the stores are gone now, huh?)

Well, there is one store around there but they ain't using it, just rock there now.