

INTRODUCTION

(Feb. 18, 1970. Ausley Welch, a 79-year old Cherokee of Pryor, Oklahoma, is with me today. We are visiting his old homeland, the Butler Prairie county of Delaware county. He points out different places that he has known, some of the events that have happened and the peoples that he has known.)

POINTS OUT OLD HOME PLACES

Let's see now. Boy that seem like that used to be big high hill right there. Well, the spring is right down yonder about where a that tree is. Someplace right in there.

(Yeah.)

(Interruption)

Seem like that was a big hill there then. I don't know why it look so little there.

(Well, probably just a small kid well it would look like it was a big one.)

We used to have big dinners there.

(Well, this was kind of a meeting ground too.)

See this--when they moved that church up from down yonder--when the Baptist people bought that old, that was community, what it was. Bought that old church or that old courthouse down there and they moved it up here and they made a Baptist church out of it. Right up yon.

(Yeah.)

Still Butler had that Butler's. There's a Methodist church down there.

(Yeah.)

And but this--there's some way or another it never did take. Never did amount. But they'd come up here lot of times and have their children's day, they called it, you know.

(Yeah.)