

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(March the 20th, 1970. I'm visiting with Tom Elm, an 85 year old Cherokee of Vinita, and the Sunnyside community of Mayes county. Mr. Elm talks about this once a prosperous country that he grew up in, having lived there since 1897. He tells about the people, places and the events of 70 years ago in the Sunnyside community.)

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-- buried somewheres, and she didn't know she's at. And they thought it was up in there some place.

(Well, that was the place.)

And I told her where it was at, and where this old cemetery was, and I never did hear from them. I never did hear where (words not clear), but there's a family in there with a name of Schneider -- don't know whatever went with them.

(It must be an old place. Well, you said it was old when you remember it.)

That's right, it was an old place when I was there 50 or 60 years ago. I'd say sixty years ago.

(Was it -- was it -- they live in there then?)

No, no.

(They already passed on.)

All passed on, and the cemetery was on Green's place, and the best I remember, they was a few markets there, and forgot who they was.

(Do you remember any of the other old settlers' families that used to be down in that little neck of the woods?)

Well, Western Hayes used to be there. Then, even before that time, there was close to there (not clear). Old man what-chi-ma-do, I don't know what his name was.