

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(February the 26th, 1970, today I'm visiting with Hugh Sitts, an 80 year old Cherokee at Pryor, Oklahoma. Mr. Sitts, tells about the Archer country of Indian Territory days.)

EARLY SETTLERS AND BURIAL PLACES

He just happened come down here, he lived up by Miami.

(Yeah, I know where that is.)

And he come down and visited my dad in 1902, '03. And I had a long talk with him. His name was Jones, and he said that he was with his father down here by the old Archer place. And he was, at that time, he was around 80 years old. And he was with his father down here by the old Archer place when he--when his father died. And they came across the creek and buried him. (Not clear) him and there were contingent of soldiers there that belonged to the Texas state. And several of them died and they carried them across, over there and buried them too. So, when he was a boy of ten years old, that's when he went out in that wild country. So, he went up and lived with the Osages.

(What was his full name? Do you --- )

It slipped my mind. He was kin to the family. I'll give it to you. This is no imagination. I'll give you his full name because his wife and my Uncle Jim's last wife were sisters. These women come from over in Arkansas. Afterwards, after he got to be a grown man, he drifted back into Arkansas and married--his, from his family (not clear). And I can't think to save my skin what his first name is, you know that? I hadn't thought of it, now I know what his boy's name was. That was his boy's name. What was his name--Herbie. And James up there and big contractors (not clear) up there in that area. His sister's names was, let's see, Gains.