

We figured it up one time, Alex and me. And we figured a 109 or 110 years old.

(Well)

When she died.

(And she lived in that same spot over there most of her life. Right--)
Right there, yeah.

(Yeah.)

Well, you see, they turned'em loose up here at the end of the Trail or Tears up there by Westville.

(Yeah.)

And they got over in here. Right there where she died is where she spent her adult life.

CHEROKEES ON TRAIL OF TEARS

(Jeff, how did--what did--did the leaders tell'em which way to go or did they just take off on their own?)

They took off. They just told'em--they just turned'em loose. Said, there's your country now. That's what the government give you.

(And they just started spreading out.)

Yeah, spreading out just like those in Cherokee, North Carolina did.

(Yeah.)

See, they turned them--they didn't turn'em loose. They run off.

(Yeah.)

And the people that was in charge of the train, you know, the wagons and things, told'em--told the guards. That was the people that was supposed to be guarding them. Now just let'em go. Don't try to get'em back 'cause they'll starve to death anyway.

(Yeah.)

And they didn't.