

INTRODUCTION

(Feb. 17, 1970. I'm visiting with Ben Garvin, 81-year old Cherokee of the Hanson community, Sequoyah county, Oklahoma. Mr. Garvin tells much about this historic part of the old Cherokee Nation.)

REMINESCES OLD TIMES

(Well.)

They just grow everywhere.

(Yeah.)

Just go right on down...

(Your home place, you say, was about 15 rooms. )

Yeah.

(It must have been a big one.)

Oh, it was a big one.

(Then our daddy was an early settler here.)

Yeah, one of the old timers.

(Yes sir. Well, I bet this was a pretty place in its time all right.)

Oh yeah. We had all this in apples and peaches and stuff like that.

(Well.)

Them days all you had to do was stick a tree in the ground. Wasn't no insects or germs or nothing, I don't guess.

(No, I never heard of them.)

(Interruption)

(Yeah.)

This little frogs, but they do all right.

(Oh yeah. And you say all this was in a big orchard at one time.)

Yeah, that's right.

(Not a thing left now.)

No.