

GENERAL SUBJECT: Stories of Cayuga - Seneca Country

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(April 13, 1970. I'm visiting here with Kenneth Oyler, a 65-year old Cayuga of Commerce, Ottawa county, Oklahoma. Mr. Oyler talks about the Cayuga-Seneca country where he was born and raised and has spent nearly all of his life.)

CEMETERIES IN THE AREA

(On Cowskin prairie, is it or--?)

Right on the banks of--

(Cowskin River)

Cowskin River. Stomp grounds on the east side. Grave yard is on the west side of it.

(Is there anyone living close by there that knows about those folks in there too?)

Yeah. Oh, her name's Minnie Thompson. She lives in a house right up from the graveyard on the northeast corner there.

(All right. I'll see if I can find her. Sometime I might need some help, you know, especially if they've got unmarked graves.)

Yeah, she knows Wolf graveyard. We got another one up Council House, they call it.

(That's the two mains ones down in--for the Senecas down in there; Cayugas.)

Yeah.

(Do you remember any of the little family cemeteries when you're traveling around up in there? You know there's been a family forgotten about. I like to find those too.)

No, I don't. But she might tell you.