

INTRODUCTION

(June 6, 1970. I'm visiting here with Flossie Blair Neal, a fifty-five year old Cherokee, of the Millers Ridge community, Sequoyah county, Oklahoma. Mrs. Neal talks about her people and this area of the old Cherokee Nation.)

GRANDPARENTS COME FROM NORTH CAROLINA ABOUT 1839

(Well, the Blair family, they settled here in...)

They first settled in Flint district.

(In Flint district. I want to make some notes here.)

First come over the Trail of Tears. They settled in Flint district.

(Who was the leader or the patriarch of the Blair family or the elder?)

Well, the oldest one that I can find any research whatsoever is this George Blair.

(Yes.)

That was, you know, that had bought this Sequoyah place from Sequoyah's widow. Now he's the only one. And they came from North Carolina.

(North Carolina.)

North Carolina. Because I looked at the Oklahoma Historical Society.

(Let's see. That would be about 1839, then. That's when they came here.)

Yeah. And I /static/ Historical Society and this /words not clear/.

(Now, his first wife was that...)

Clara. Now, I don't know. She's probably buried, I don't know.

You know, down along the Trail of Tears. No telling where.

(Buried on the Trail of Tears.)

Yeah, You just don't know where. She was a half-sister to this Nancy Bloom. As far as I can find out that is that George Blair is the oldest one. Now his--one of his daughters married this John Laird.

Some of 'em married Ballingers.

(Yes.)