

INTRODUCTION

(May 14, 1970, today I'm visiting Mazie Roper, a 70 year old Cherokee of Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Mrs. Roper has lived in different places in the Cherokee Nation. And she tells some of experience and knowledge of some of the events that has happen.)

FAMILY HISTORY

James Pettit and Elizabeth Hildebrand, Pettit Armstrong is my great-grandmother. She was from the John Hildebrand families that came over from Germany, you know. Her mother was, and I don't know, she is buried at Citizen's cemetery. And so is my grandfather. Buried right in the climbing.

(There at the---)

At the Citizen's Cemetery.

(Well, that be in (not clear).)

And then Elenore Pat, Elenore White would be her name. She is my great-aunt, on my mother's side. She is quite a bit, and we're kin to Henry Starr. I don't know what, I don't know how he comes in. I've been, I think he's mother's second or third cousin. And see these are new, our grandmother is Nancy called Nancy or Nanny Tyner. And her mother, her mother was Laticia Keys and then her grandfather was Issacc Keys and then back to Sammuels. Now here is Tyners, Jackson Tyner was her mother, her father and Ruben Tyner and James Carter was her grandson. And then we go back to Nathaniel Carter and we remember my grandmother and let's see, yeah, my great-grandmother and grandfather were first cousin.

(Is that right? That's not unusual.)

No, No! I, I, you know it was a necessary thing that they had been married. And that they had to.