

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(July 22, 1970. Today I'm visiting with Maggie Leigh Hardy, a 78-year old Cherokee of the McKey community, Sequoyah county, Oklahoma. Mrs. Hardy has lived in this southwest part of Sequoyah county all of her life and she tells some of the events, places, and things that she has seen.)

FAMILY

(What family were you from?)

I was a Leigh.

(Leigh.)

L-e-i-g-h. And I think my father originated from Louisiana. My mother's folks was in--they were killed.

(Well.)

Come from Salina.

(Yes.)

And--

(What family was she from, Mrs. Hardy?)

She was an Ussery.

(Ussery. Yeah. Yeah, I've heard of the Ussery family. In fact some of 'em have become quite famous, haven't they?)

Yeah. Yeah, the Ussery home. The old Sam Ussery home used to be right over here across the street.

(Well.)

And he died out. And the home burned.

(Well.)

The early Usserys have all played out.

FARMING IN EARLY DAYS

(Yes, they have. Well, at one time, I guess this was all Indian country