

(That's certainly quite an accomplishment and achievement and this is a real approach that the Choctaw people back in Mississippi can be so proud of, and I know we are in Oklahoma. I was interested in this interview to talk a good bit about the possible past cultures and the patterns that existed some time back and what change has come about over a period of time. Perhaps, this may be a little delicate, you may not readily agree that my questions are not in order and if so I would hope that you would just speak freely and say we have no comments relative to what I'm asking about. I recall, for instance, that burial ceremonies have changed considerably, and in Oklahoma, I think, we are more or less pretty well assimilated in that approach. We do pretty much as the white man does. What about here in Mississippi, Henry?)

BURIAL CUSTOMS ARE CHANGING AMONG ALL CHOCTAWS - MORE LIKE WHITE MAN

Frank: It has been changed tremendously in the last, I'd say at least twenty years. I remember as I was growing up, we used to go this burial ceremony and they used to call it a "cry." They had it and I used to go with my mother and grandmother. They used to have this ceremonial burial and feast and the crying and this type of thing, but this has been changed tremendously. In fact, most of our Indian people now are, of course, we have our churches, Baptist churches, Catholics, and other denominations. But they more or less adopted into the modern civilized way of doing things. Not only the burial ceremony, but practically everything has been changed.

EARLY DAY TRADITIONS ARE SLOWLY DYING

(The Choctaws carried their programs and I certainly admire them for their past. I admire them tremendously now for saying I'm still Choctaw,