

you ain't nothing--in my book. And I split my ticket, we get some sorry fellers in office, but I don't put my--you have to put 'em out. So I had lottsa--but it was pretty tough.

MORE BACKGROUND MATERIAL:

(Didn't you tell me you were part Indian?)

I'm Cherokee... My mother was a educated woman, she--my father was uneducated, but my mother had a pretty good education. And my dad was jest an open hearted man, you know, and I--she had a uncle that was on the Dawles commiasion. I think his name was Cox. And dad thought this was always be a big open country, you know. Never thought this was always be a big open county you know. Never thought nothing about a state, because it left Texas, because it was a state. Came into Indian territory and (unintelligible) held land on a million miles--brother and sister. There's three of us. Their both dead. But, that was one mistake he made but, he made several of 'em. He got oil field down there by Fox by Alvea, Oklahoma Feller dug a water well there and he went 250 feet and struck gas, but no water. So he had to quit. And (unintelligible) fixed it up where he could set it afire and it'd burn. ///and finally oil man come down messed around and of course they dug down about a thousand feet and see what was there and so they jest set the well down. He didn't have what was there so they didn't have enough business sense to hold royalty on that place and he sold the place at a very reasonable price and after he got away from there I don't know how many--he's got four or five oil well on there. Well, you see, he made a mistake there. People in the early day, they didn't know how to do business. And the fellow that knew how to do business come out of Kansas and Missouri, Kentucky later years, you know. You take the feller that come in here--he was an uneducated man, all he knew was to jest work and if he had good luck and raised cattle and cattled was so cheap you couldn't make a living on it. You could buy a calf for ten dollars and maybe beefs for five and seven dollars. Same cow today would bring you \$150, \$200, see. But, we got along fairly well. But, my dad had to preach and they had to pay him in chips and wetstone. And what they didn't want to eat, what they didn't want to keep on the ...they give to the