

Informant: Calvin Naked Head, Cherokee
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We're going to record some Cherokee alphabet by Mr. Calvin Naked Head, who lives in Bell Community, out east of Stilwell, Oklahoma. We're here on this nice evening of August 14, 1967. I'm going to ask Mr. Naked Head to give me the Cherokee alphabet. So maybe I can learn a few of the symbols. Calvin if you'll go ahead and give these--

CHEROKEE SYMBOLS

Ah, ā, e, o, oo, uh. Ca, ca, ga, ee, o, goo, guh, Ha, ha, he, ho, who, huh. La, la, le, lo, lou, lah. Ma, ma, me, mo, moo. Nah, nah, nae, nee, no, new, nah. Qua, quah, que, quo, qaunt. Saw, say, see, sew, sue, saunt. Day, tah, day, t, d, t, row, do dunt. ~~Ia, cla, cle, clay, cle, clo, clue, clunt. Way, way, we, woe, woo, wunt.~~ Yah, yah, yee, yoo, you, yunt.

POSSIBLE PROBLEMS WHEN A NEW ORGANIZATION BEGINS

(I'm still visiting here with Mr. Naked Head, and we been discussing some things concerning the tribe. And ah--we're going to visit a little bit together here, about some of the problems the Cherokee's are going to run into, when they have the opportunity, this coming year we think, and hope to maybe elect their own council and maybe elect their own chief. Mr. Naked Head we were discussing while ago, about some of the problems we thought that they might come up against. And would you just kinda go over briefly some of these things we been talking about. The ones that you want to talk about--)