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Side B

Part I

SOME OF THE CHIEFS FOR OTTAWAS AND SENECA

(At Pryor, Oklahoma visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ausley Welch. And Ausley is recalling some of the Ottawa, Peoria Indian history and I'm going to let him continue telling me about - Ausley this chief, what was his name?)

Charlo.

(Charlo. You say he was the last of the Ottawa chiefs, was he?)

No. He was chief for 12 years and - of the Seneca's, and then he was replaced by Grover Splitlog. And I think, I don't know whether Grover died or not. But there was another one that came in there and still there's another chief in there now. I don't know. But there's been several years back.

(When did he die? About 19--?)

About 6 years, 1960 somewhere along in there.

HARD TIMES FOR THESE TRIBES AFTER REMOVAL HERE

(These different tribes, I mean bands of Indians, different tribes under the - probably Seneca or Wyandot faction, can you tell me about the hard time they used to have down in there. Could you tell me that again?)

Well, they came to this country, well the late '60's I don't know what year it was. But my daddy was young man. And my grandfather was an interpreter for the cattle buyers and that would come into this country from Kansas. They'd come down in the Cherokee country and buy cattle. My daddy, would, a lot of times, help drive them out, and they usually go back up to Baxter Springs. That was along about the time that they moved those Indians from different states, different tribes into that part of the country. And my daddy used to tell about it, and I'd like sit around the fire and hear them talk about the terrible time they had. One of the pitiful things was to see those people sitting out there