

(If the recorder is working, we can hear back what I say in just a minute.)

Well, you're about the second one, I think, that's been here to get the names of people, you know. What to make history of it?

(Yeah.)

But I don't think (unin.) name of people, you know, old timers and what's happened.

(Your first name is LSteve and how do you say your last name?)

Battiest.

(Battiest. O.K.)

B a t t i e s t .

SCHOOL EXPERIENCES:

(This is Ruth Hankowsky and I'm visiting with Mr. Steve Battiest at his home west of Bosewell. We're just going to sit here and visit. There's a nice breeze it's a real pretty day. And we're just going to talk about anything that Mr. Battiest wants to talk about. I have with me, my father, Mr. Web Thompson, from Wilson and my mother. Ah, my father is a full-blood Choctaw. Mr. Battiest is also a full-blood Choctaw.)

Three - quarters.

(He's a--Mr. Battiest is three-quarters. Mr. Thompson spoke Choctaw when he was a boy but doesn't remember a lot of it because he hasn't used it a long time. And I'm gonna ask, well, in fact, Mr. Battiest said a while ago he didn't--he, didn't speak Choctaw, and didn't learn it and didn't want to. So we're just gonna start now and see what we can remember.)

(Put this where--(unin.) Now--

Like a flashlight.

(O.K. You said you went to Goodland. About when was that?)

I don't know. I think it was about 1900, maybe it was around '10. I don't know what year it was.

(Did' they have (Unin.)

Yes, I was one of the supervisors. Like I told--But I had (unin.) line 'em up and ring the bell. The drill the boys. There's (Unin.) boys in one line and