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Informant: Bob Duncan, Cherokee

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INTRODUCTION OF INFORMANT

Today is April 22, 1968. We are visiting with Mr. Bob Duncan, 76 year old Cherokee of Parkhill Community, Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Mr. Duncan related many experiences in his life and recalls events of historical interest in the Indian Nation. He begins this interview by telling of his father, Red Cloud Duncan, who was High Sheriff in the Cherokee Nation.

HIS FATHER WAS RED CLOUD DUNCAN

They called him "Red Cloud Duncan."

(Red Cloud Duncan?)

Yeah. Had sorghum molasses red hair, too.

(Now he served as sheriff at the old Federal Jail too, didn't he?)

Un Hunnh. I'll tell you about that. I don't much like to talk about my own people but I guess facts are facts. Well, do you want me to tell you about Red Cloud?

(Yeah. What you can remember about your dad.)

Well, he was a kind of disposition--you never could get too close to him. In other words, he was a disciplinarian. All his kids respected him. He was good to his kids. Do anything in the world for them, but it was "Yes Sir," and "No Sir," to him. And to all the other older people. He was strict that way.

(He spoke both languages didn't he?)

Yes. And he could talk Cherokee fluently. Looked odd to see him among a bunch of full bloods, talking Cherokee. But he enjoyed it and they enjoyed talking with him. He was a fluent talker.