

Informant: Lucinda Sanders Wilhite, Cherokee

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(May 29, 1968. Today I am visiting with Lucinda Sanders Wilhite, an 89 year old Cherokee of Wauhilla Community, Adair County, Oklahoma. Mrs. Wilhite has lived in this community all her life. She has preserved books and records now over 100 years old pertaining to Indian activity. This recording is made to list some of these books and records in her possession. A few matters of historical interest are also recorded at this time.)

RECEIVED MANY OLD RECORDS AND BOOKS

(Mrs. Wilhite you say that Roy Hefner now has some of your books as use as reference in writing about the Cherokees?)

(words not clear)--bring them down when they had the seminary doings. I don't guess he got to come down but he wrote to me, he had bought a place up here somewhere around Tahlequah. And I read a piece of paper half way and hadn't finished the book.

(What other old books have you been able to save?)

I've been--two or three Cherokee Bibles and I had two or three law books.

(Who originally had your law books. Which one of your family? Was that your daddy?)

No. I believe it was my aunt Lucinda, she collected things like that. She kept them. She didn't have no children to tear them up. Then this old place here when Aunt Lucinda passed away, my brother married Henry Duck's daughter and they moved in here and had children. I know I never got keep none of her things, none of her jewelry or nothing like that. When I moved in here, I picked up some old books and tried to save them.

WAUHILLAU ESTABLISHED BEFORE 1887

(Where was Luke and Lucinda Tyner's home when they lived here?)