

Informant: Hogan Markham, Cherokee

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF INFORMANT

(May 23, 1968. Today we are visiting with Hogan Markham a 79 year old Cherokee of Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Mr. Markham's original home was in the Delaware District on the Grand River, but the family moved to Tahlequah in 1897. Mr. Markham tells many things of historical interest about the Indian Nation. Of particular interest is the mention of Hogan Institute that operated around 1895 to 1904; the Cherokee and Ozark Central Railroad; oxen drawn wagon trains; stage coaches and so forth. This interview begins with Mr. Markham telling about Markham Ferry which was operated by his father and some of the activity there.

REASON FOR MARKHAM FERRY

Up there (and a steel cable across and tied into it. It must have been fastened to two big trees. And they had fences along the side to drive the cattle on you know. See that was the--railroad came in there in Pryor in 1872 and that was the only way we had of getting stuff to market and drive it over there to the--load it on the trains. And I remember father took some cattle to Chicago World's Fair and 'course that was the outlet for all that stock that was taken into that railroad to market.

EARLY DAY TOWNS AND SCHOOLS AND MISSIONS

(Well, what towns were in existence at that time?)

Well, Chouteau was in existence and Pryor was in existence. 'Course Locust Grove wasn't anything. It was just a school and a post office and a little old store there. We all went to school at Locust Grove. And then right down west of us there on Highway 33 there was a place that they call Hogan. And it was called Hogan Institute. And my name Hogan is from the preacher who was there. Brother Hogan we called him. Preacher. It was established by the--mission. This Hogan Institute was. And just a few--a year or two ago they tore it down. But the cemetery, the Hogan Cemetery is still there. And a lot of the old timers are buried there of course.