

SMALL INDIAN SETTLEMENTS - COODY'S BLUFF, ALLUWEE AND CHELSEA

(Then there used to be another little settlement over on the Verdigris River there called Coody's Bluff. You remember that? I wonder how that one got started?)

Yeah. I don't know how that got--now that's something else that's something else. I have asked that question. Maybe someone could have been named Coody that lived in there before the Cherokees came. This was settled up with Spaniards and of course the French come in here, and I don't know how come the French to come in here. But in fact the United States and France got into that. I think that was it, Revolutionary War. And they seem to kind of take the western hemisphere. I don't know why but they lost interest in here. I guess it was because the English had the money and had the brass and nerve to do what they done.

(Well that community of Alluwee, is that an old community too.)

Well, it could be, I don't know for sure just how that come.

(I know there's quite a few Indians that use to live around old Alluwee before they moved the town a mile back east there on account of the river--I mean the lake there. Yeah, they had to move it--)

Yeah, you see that back water from that new reservoir.

(The reservoir covers up the old town. But I can remember when there were lots of Indians around Alluwee there.)

Yeah, I can--they was mostly Delawares that lived in there. John Ketchum and there was another, two or three of them that I used to know, but I can't forgot the names. John Ketchum was one and moved to Chelsea when he sold his holdings. He use to own quite a bunch of that land, right due north of Alluwee. He owned pretty near all of that up to where you turn and went towards Nowata. There was a big family of them.

(Well, he had several thousand acres in there then. That's a lot of country there.)