

there. You can't tell it now.

(I guess they knew enough English, then, that you could visit without having to use Choctaw?)

No. I couldn't understand 'em if they talk Choctaw.

(Did they talk Choctaw?)

Yes. They talk English anyway we could to understand, you know.

(words not clear) And that's all I knowed, was Indian talk.

And I growed up to be a great big boy--

Third Voice: They were friendly people. Just same as anybody else.

Mr. Shoals: Yes sir. Friendly. There's nothin' in this part of the country but Indians. White folks was scattered far around here.

(I don't guess there were many people around much before statehood, were there?)

No, Mam, there wasn't. They just come in from different places and bought their land where they could. And the white man (mumbling words, not clear)--

(I noticed in the Presbyterian, I think it was, cemetery or the church camp--)

(End of Side B)

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