

people, not even his brothers and sisters nor any.

(What was his name?)

Joe Dean.

(Do you know how old he was when he reached the Seminole country?)

He said he was 12 years old, and he was 85 years old when he died here--

(How long ago was that?)

He died in 1910, 1910.

EXPERIENCES IN EARLY SEMINOLE COUNTY:

(Now, tell us something of the experiences he told about in early Seminole County, some of the things he did, how he made his living, if he had any chance to go to school, just what he did in general?)

No, he didn't go to no school. But after he got out here--reason why, he didn't even sign up on the, whatcha call it?--they could have drawed money, and that, them old soldiers from back in the Civil War days--

(Pension?)

He wouldn't sign up for that because he just didn't want hisself to be known. But old man Caesar Louis, I think they kinda got through here together. He knew old man Caesar Louis well, they know one another. Now old man Caesar Louis, he finally signed in, and he was drawing a pension before he died.

(How long did your father serve in the army during the Civil War?)

He didn't say, he didn't let us know, he didn't tell us nothin' about that--but now he used to tell us about he used to ride an ostrich, when he was coming through in the Civil War, said he ride an ostrich--

(Ride a what?)

Ostrich--(laughter) That's a big old bird, said he ride an ostrich--

(Now, what kind of a bird is an orphus? I've never heard of that--Oh, ostrich--and he rode one--was that to get away from Tennessee, or to get away from the army?)

Well, I imagine it must have been to get away from the army cause he done left Tennessee then. And he was with the Civil War bunch at that time. But I don't