

(Has anybody run against him now since he's been chief?)

DISAPPROVES OF PROCEDURE OF APPOINTING CHOCTAW CHIEF-CHITO HARJO -
WHAT WAS SNAKE INDIAN

No, no, I don't think so. There's a bunch of us run at that time.

This is by committee appointment I think. What he first started, he objected to that campaigning like we were doin', and he wanted to have a election like he's used to. And he said it's democratic, not democratic, but democracy rather. Everybody has a say so, that's the way. But we're not, Choctaws not familiar with democracy. They don't really know what it is. But anyhow, that's the way they had it. Carl Albert and the others. Kerr...recommended him, Secretary of the Interior--appointed him--that was easy. I come pretty near gettin' in there too, but he want that democracy business. But as soon as we had election that way, why, then he appointed a committee to recommend who should be the candidate or who should be the chief. And that's the way most of the committee, committee are his brothers, preachers, you know that don't you.

(I've heard of them, I don't know 'em.)

I used to go to this meeting July and August and all of September at Tuskahoma, but I was opposin' on some matters, and he didn't like it. And he don't like it yet. I know of them, I know of the family. His father, his father was what we used to call a Snake Indian, years ago. And I knew him, I knew Craven Belvin a very good boy.

(What was a Snake Indian?)

They oppose allotment of land--rebellion.

(Were they for the tribe owning everything in common instead of allotting it to individuals?)

Yes, that's what we were, of course, everything in common until 1906 when they changed that by law. And they wouldn't accept allotment. Lot of them didn't. Some went to Mexico, I think, and that's what