

Mrs. White kinda inquired about it--I didn't say anything about--

CHOCTAWS HAD VERY LITTLE TROUBLE WITH OTHER TRIBES OR OTHER PEOPLE

(Did the Choctaws as a tribe ever have any trouble with any other tribe when they come here that you heard of?)

No, they have had some trouble with the meandering, roaming people, I think, that came from the West maybe, but not as a war or anything.

(Not a whole tribe--)

No. And during the Civil War, I had an Uncle who's name was Joe Hudson was a chief and the Choctaws, the balance of the Choctaws kinda prevailed on him. And they wanted him to resign or declare war on the Government of the United States. And, of course, the Chief said, no, this is not our war, it's theirs. We have no slaves, very few mixed Indians, Choctaws have slaves. We have no business goin' to war. And, they decided to impeach him, but they couldn't get enough councilmen to bring an impeachment proceedings against him. That be similar to our Oklahoma law, you see, impeachment... And the next rule was that, remove him from office, and they did, I think, they musta removed him, cause they had an election on top of it, and they elected some fellow, Garvin, I believe it was. And he immediately called Council and declared war against the government of the U.S.

(Chief Garvin?)

Yeah, I think so, I think so. And now, if we hadn't done that and stayed neutral like we were, and had nothin' to do with that, why, our government might have been a little different. I don't know, I don't know that, but--

CONCERNING NEGROES AMONG CHOCTAWS

(Was there any trouble between the Choctaws and the slaves when they were freed. Did Negroes come in then right after the Civil War?)

There was some slaves here that was slave people who were slave holder.