

John Fox, Cherokee
Frank Osage, Cherokee

(Today I am speaking with John Fox and Frank Osage, of Snake Creek Community in Southeastern Mayes County. These full blooded Cherokee Indians tell of many things they have observed in their time as well as that have passed on to them from older people. Both of these men have lived in Cherokee, Adair, and Mayes County and pass on many of their observations during their time.

EARLY DAYS - WILD GAME WAS PLENTIFUL - LOCATION OF TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES

(Those chickens out now--)

Yeah, chickens, they steal chickens now.

(Next sentence not clear. Much static.)

Osage: If they wanted wild meat, they would go out and kill wild turkey, or something like that.

(Yeah.)

Osage: Maybe kill a deer. They were wild deer, not like these deer they got around here now. These deer they got now, they're not too wild.

(Didn't use much money?)

Fox: No, didn't need much money. They raise garden. Raise corn, squash, deer, chicken, and turkey--wild turkey, quail, even make hominy. Kanutchai.

(Yeah, that's good, that kanutchai.)

Yeah, in Cherokee, they call them a long time Indian, Chouteau, that's a kanutchai. Chouteau, kanutchai, Chouteau, that's number one, Pryor, number two (not clear) number one Chouteau.

(Chouteau a big town long time ago.)

Yes, big town.

(All this country here, is called Rose Prairie, huh?)

Rose Prairie, yeah.

(Been here a long time.)

Yes, a long time now. I think this Couteau, that old, old town. Chouteau,