

and that's where you get these McLishes and McClains and McIntoshes and this Mac business. And to me that's one of the most interesting parts of our history. Most all sudden changes or big changes among the tribes were caused by some kind of calamity, you know. Where they'd band together, they'd fight among themselves in good times. But when calamity, some kind of upheaval would come, they'd band together. And I think that's the way all people should be, but they're not. They were much meaner to each other than if they'd married a white--a person of white blood. I never could understand that. Now part of my family--I can remember one of my grandmother saying, "Be sure and never marry a Creek man. Never marry a Creek." And I said "Why; why do they say that?" And she says, "Because Creeks will beat you." As a little bitty child now, an old woman tells me about who to marry and who not to. Now why? Isn't that (laughter)-- Now that's one of the peculiar things among Indians.

EMIGRATION OF CHOCTAWS AND OTHER TRIBES

Did you ever see the slave market in Birmingham, Alabama? You know where they came from?

(The Choctaws?)

Yes.

(Well, they were Mississippi people weren't they?)

Before that, they were from Oregon and Washington.

(Is that right?)

Yes.

(I didn't know about that.)

And I imagine the same thing made them go south as this other tribe. Now this is the funny part to me-- Here, this bunch on the east coast were going south, and here this bunch way over here on the northwest coast--that's the earliest we know about when they were in Oregon and Washington. And here they were making this big march way down here, and they got around here with these plains Indians, and they had a pretty tough time. Well what was left