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INFORMANT: HENRY TROUT, CHEROKEE
SPAVINAW, OKLAHOMA

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(Sept. 30, 1968. Today I am visiting with Henry Trout, an 85 year old Cherokee of Spavinaw, Okla. Mr. Trout was born in this area and has spent all of his life here. He tells of many interesting things regarding Spavinaw, the old way of life as he saw it when he was a young man. He tells of many personal observations and experiences:)

OLD SPAVINAW MILL SOLD TO SMITH

And these Mexicans, not Mexicans, but what do'ye call them. They was kind of a high class Mexicans.

(Spaniards, were they. Were they Spaniards.)

Spaniards, yeah. Spaniards run them, run the Mormons out and then the Cherokees ran the Spaniards out.

(Well, where was the old mill here at Spavinaw?)

You know where them cat-walks are up there?

(Yeah)

Its about two hundred yards down right straight south of them trees, down kinda of in a holler. And the Mormons sold that mill to a feller by the name of Smith and he bought it sight unseen, he never had seen it, they just might near give it to him. You know that'us the biggest mill in this country. Flour mill, grist mill, saw mill, everything was run by that one turbine blacksmith shop.