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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(November 6, 1968. Today I'm visiting with Mary Lord, a sixty-seven year old Delaware Indian of New Alluwe, Nowata County, Oklahoma. Mrs. Lord was born and raised in this community and has spent all of her life here. She tells of many things of historical interest regarding this old Indian settlement and area.

THE NAME "ALLUWE" IS A DELAWARE WORD AND MEANS "SOMETHING BETTER"

(I see. Have you ever heard how the old Alluwe got its name?)

Yes.

(Now that's--)

Now I don't know how. It was an Indian name. And it was ah-- The meaning of it was "something better." It was a Delaware Indian name.

(Something better?)

Something better. That was a long time ago.

(It is. Well, Alluwe, in its day, it's all--the birth and its growth and its demise.)

Now there was a fellow by the name of Pistol Pete. I can't tell you what his-- that was his writer's name. He lived in Perkins, Oklahoma. He died here about two, three years ago and he wrote some books--When Blood Would Run Red, I believe was the name of one of his books and it dealt with this part of the state. I know he took that cattle drive that came through and they camped on the Journeycake place north of Alluwe. And that book I read. I don't know--

JOURNEYCAKE PLACE WAS ONE OF THE OLDER COMMUNITIES

(Now was the Journeycake place, was that one of the older first establishments?)

Yes, it was--the last chief of the Delaware tribe, he was the last elected chief.