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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(November 1, 1968. Today I'm visiting with Peter Ketchum, a seventy year old Cherokee of Chelsea, Oklahoma. Mr. Ketchum tells about the town of Ketchum which was named for some of his people. He, also, tells about the first oil discovery in Oklahoma which was at Chelsea. He also mentions old Catale, Dog Town Corners, and other places of early day Indian Territory.)

TELLS OF EARLY DAYS OF ALLUWE AND CATALE

Well the places that I know about --

(Have to stop and think about them.)

Well the first people I remember they had a store. It was owned by Campbell.

(By Campbell. Yeah)

Yes. Now them Campbells had the first store. I don't know any of 'em over in there now or not.

(Yeah. Campbell. Uh now that was the first store.)

Uh-huh. Yes and it set kinda off the section a ways. And then on the north side of the road (not clear) but a (not clear) going through there, in front of them.

Then they moved it. Just across the road south. Faced north then. And I believe Bob Brady was the next to open up a store, a hardware store. He set down on the section line.

(Yeah)

(Not clear)

{Uh-huh)

There was Christie brothers put in a store, down a little ways, about quarter of a mile. Then there was another man put in a store there. This man's name was