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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(November 8, 1968. Today I'm visiting with Jefferson Fields, an 84 year old full-blood Cherokee, of White Water Creek Community, Delaware County, Oklahoma. Mr. Fields was born and raised in this country and has spent all of his life here and on Cowskin Prairie. He tells many thing of historical interest.)

RECALLS MANY EARLY DAY PLACES AND FAMILIES

Jeff: North a mile and then just about a mile over--it's about four miles there, I guess, from my place.

(Now that Butler School, that was one of the old ones, wasn't it?)

Old. Old Jim Butler. Old. Yeah.

(Yessir.)

Jim used to have it down there over at Big Springs where John Easburger lives now.

(Yeah.)

His grandson. But it's moved up there on the highway now, on the road.

(Mmhhh.)

And ah it's nice-- They got a nice Methodist church there now.

(Yeah.)

Uh-uh when they moved the school--

(Yeah, Yeah. What other schools are over in that community where you live?)

Well, old (not clear). That's way back on prairie, east of Grove.

(Yeah.)

That's where my boys went to school--my kids.

(East of Grove.)

East of Grove. Over there.

(Mmhhh. Now that community where you lived then, Mr. Fields, what did they call that? Was that Clear Creek Community?)