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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(1968. Today I'm visiting with Robert White of Longview Prairie, Craig County, Oklahoma, who is a seventy-four year old part Cherokee. He has lived in this area all of his life. He tells many interesting things he has learned in his observation and study of early Indian history. Early Oklahoma.

EARLY DAYS - CORNER STONE BOX

If you don't mind my being a little rude. The name is pronounced Wooster.

(Wooster)

That's right.

(Wooster Academy)

Right. Now I thought maybe you'd want that correct. Lot of people say it because it starts out like--or--but it's Wooster.

(Uh-huh)

And everyone called him Samuel Worcester. Now Samuel Worcester was a minister. Who worked with the Cherokees in Georgia.

(Yeah)

And they-they put him in the penitentiary for three years. For helping those Indians. You know when old Andy Jackson wanted them kinda run out of there.

(Yes sir)

He (not clear).

(I know that sir.)

I think old Andy Jackson was responsible for putting Samuel in the penitentiary for three years. Well now this academy. This is a picture of it. As it