

Side A

Part I

INTRODUCTION

(December 2, 1968. Today I'm visiting with Ott Ragsdale an 82 year old full blood Cherokee, and his fifty year old daughter, Viella, of Good Hope Community, Rogers County, Oklahoma. They talk of many things relating to early day northeast Oklahoma.)

EARLY DAYS AND LOCATION OF FAMILY

Viella: Jonsanna Johnston.

(Johnson. Uh-huh.)

Viella: Johnston.

(Johnston.)

Viella: She was of the Gunter family.

(Uh-huh. Yes.)

Viella: Down around Muldrow and down there. She was the niece of John Gunter.

(And this was her original--)

This was my mother's.

(Your wife's allotment. Uh-huh.)

Yes, (not clear).

(And you've been here how long, Mr. Ragsdale?)

I moved here in 1911 in August. Been here for--

(Where were you raised?)

Well, I was just raised all over. (laughter) I was born down close to Evansville, Arkansas. Just over in the Territory.

(Yeah, that's east of Stilwell then.)

Yeah, right on the line. Washita.