

Viella: Now there's not nobody farming.

(Now days there's no farming. All pasture and cattle raising.)

Used to get out and sow oats just anyway. Make fifty or sixty bushels. Now it don't make any difference how you put it in. You won't make over twenty. Sometimes won't pay for expense. Wheat same way.

(Well that's right. Now our economy has changed so much.

Are you acquainted with Old Bud Cochran?

CHURCHES AND A FRATERNAL LODGE CALLED "ORDER OF REDMAN"

((Well when did they close Good Hope school?))

It must have been (not clear).

Viella: It's been twenty-five years ago, or longer.

Yeah, closed it up about '35.

(When you first came up here Mr. Ragsdale, where was the churches? Did you have churches in this day and age?)

No they just used the school house.

(Just used the school house. And did you have Indian preachers in those days?)

Yeah we went down here to Washington. That's the old place down there.

(Yeah.)

Course you had to travel a long ways to go to church. I guess people did.

Yeah it's quite a ways down there. We had a lodge called "Order of Redmen."

(You did! Well what was the Order of the Redmen? Was that, that was just for people of Indian blood, wasn't it?)

No, it just everybody. There was one over at Owassa. Then they finally had a lodge down here at Claremore. And it didn't last very long.

(Yeah. I know there was one at Vinita too. I believe they called it the Bushyhead Tribe. Lodge number 22.)

I forgot now what number our lodge was a Claremore. It's been so long.