

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(December 2, 1968. Today I'm visiting with Dora Early Tucker, an 88 year old Cherokee of Bushyhead Community, Rogers County, Oklahoma. Mrs. Tucker recalls and relates many things of interest regarding early day Indian Territory, early day Oklahoma.

EARLY DAY PREACHERS AND THEIR PAY CONDITIONS

Long as they teach the Bible, and it's teaching for the foundation. And I think this is what counts.

(That's right.)

Let me tell of the early day church I was introduced to. My father's sister married a Methodist preacher. Old Uncle Bill Sullivan. And he'd come to this country, and the church that we went to there wasn't a-- I remember when there wasn't an organized group. The people were scarce, and far between. And they wasn't organized church. And Uncle Bill lived on a farm not far from us. He had a small house. And he went around and had churches in the home. And he'd go as far as he could. He'd go to--of course he rode a horse. And in the latter years. Last year the horse threw him. And crippled him. He had to get another way to go. But he'd ride--ride. I tell you way the pay he got was what people could give him.

(Well.)

Things like flour and meal, corn. I can remember one time after Uncle Bill had moved to Tahlequah. And dad was loading up the wagon. He had some meat and a sack of flour and meal or something. And he was taking it to the pastor. That was the way they paid the pastor. And as far as an organized church, I don't remember when they got them started. So each church had it's own building.

(Yeah.)