

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(December 20, 1968. Today I'm visiting with Wattie Devault. A seventy-eight year old Cherokee of Marble City, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma. Mr. Devault has been here all of his life. And he tells some of the history of Marble City, the Cookson Hills and its outlaws.)

STORY OF MARBLE QUARRY - MARBLE CITY

The (not clear). And she's from Texas. Toward Dallas (not clear). Anyway this company, some quarry company.

(Uh-huh.)

They submitted samples of this marble found up here to some building company. And they got the contract. They didn't have anything to make the material with. So they got some old machinery from up at Carthage, Missouri. And sent out a million dollars worth of the material. And when they got that out and all done. They didn't have anymore contracts. They had to shut down.

(Well. Was)

After they done away with the marble stuff. They done away with the quarry. (Yeah. Well then my first guess would be how this community got its name.)

That's right.

(Marble City)

City.

(Uh-huh.)

And it was incorporated in 1908.

(Well.)

And then the post office was established in the name of Marble City.

(Uh-hum.)

But-

(About that same year was it?)

I don't know just when--when its, its been Marble City ever since I came here. But before I came here, I've been told by some old settler that are dead now, that the post office was down, they showed me where it was, there's an old well down there. They didn't call it Marble City. They called it uh- don't remember. Don't remember. An old Indian was post master. And his name was Joshua Choate.