

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(December 30, 1968. Today, I'm visiting with Maude Welch, an eighty-seven year old Cherokee of Locust Grove, Oklahoma. Mrs. Welch tells some things about the early day Locust Grove. It's people and some of its history.)

DAYS BEFORE LOCUST GROVE

(Well, let's see then, when did you come up to this country around Locust Grove, Mrs. Welch?)

1900.

(1900.)

We settled down at (inaudible). We lived at (inaudible).

(Yes.)

We moved from there to Spring Creek.

(Uh-huh.)

(Sentence not clear.) We come here.

(Yes. You've sure seen a lot in your time then.)

Sure have, if I could remember it all.

(Yeah. This place was here before there ever was a town of Locust Grove. And you've seen it grow up to a town and seen people farm out here where Main Street is now. That would really be something to see. (Inaudible) always does.)

(Mrs. Welch's reply is inaudible.)

(Always been The Flowing Springs. Never take (inaudible). Well.

Arcadia, you say, was the first school in this area through here?)

I don't know whether that was the first school or not.

(That's the one that you knew about then. And then you came up to this one here. And what was the name of this school?)

Arcadia.