

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(Today, I'm visiting with Henry Longtail, a sixty-four year old, full blood Shawnee of Vinita, Craig County, Oklahoma. Mr. Longtail tells about his father, Jake Abraham Longtail. - The Longtail-Shawnee Indian Cemetery. Removal of the Shawnees from Kansas. And other things of historical interest.)

DISCUSSION OF CEMETERY

Now looked down something like this.

(Now do you have any idea, or did you ever hear when that Longtail Cemetery was established?)

No, I never heard anybody ever mention it.

(But that was your old home place there--)

Yes, old house.

(Old house up on the hill. Yeah.)

My father's allotment there was the old cemetery.

(Yes.)

I think probably somebody in the family died, and they were just buried there. And they just laid one after another there.

(Uh-huh.)

Actually, it never was set apart for a cemetery.

(Uh-huh. Now it has a fence around it, although the fence has been there a long time. And it is getting old, of course.) (Reviewing a written plat.)

Are those right there. There's no marker. Is that right?

(Yeah, where I've got U here. Is unknown. Now, where I've got a number, the number corresponds with what we have here. These over here, that's toward this corner here?)

Yeah.