

remember all of them. (Not clear) talk Cherokee. But all the time he ever talk with them was when full bloods come there and wouldn't talk. There's some of them, the women would come to see him. And talk with him. Come and stay all day with him. I can remember one woman. Her name was Aunt Peggy. And my mother said to her one day. "Peggy why don't you talk to me." "You know you can talk English." "Oh," she said, "Jess would laugh at me."

(Laughter.) That was our daddy you know. Yes that Jess would laugh at me.

(Not clear) for years in the Indian territory up there.

FATHER'S FAMILY COME FROM TENNESSEE

(Uh-huh. Your daddy's folks come from Tennessee.)

On the Trail of Tears now. Now that's what his folks were. You know. You have heard of the Trail of Tears.

(Yes.)

Well they come to this country. And I know my mother told me lots of times, their folks would write to him and tell him, they begged any of them, her family would come out there. They'd just give them enough to make them rich.

(Uh-huh.)

Well none of them never did go back to get any of that money.

(Well.)

(Words not clear.) Passed through a place going to California. Went out there (not clear.) Well they'd put them on a little place way down there somewhere. And there's a poor old woman. She looked like she was as old as I am. Sitting on a rock there. Guarding her sheep.

(Hum-m.)

Had little herd of sheep there. She had her dog there. And sitting on that rock. I'll never will forget that poor old woman. (Not clear) town up here. Up there close to where the lake is now.

(Yeah.)