

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(December 23, 1968. Today I'm visiting with Lucinda Sanders Wilhite, an eighty-nine year old Cherokee of Wauhillau Community, Adair County, Oklahoma. Her son-in-law and daughter, Juanita and Jess Christie, contribute some information to this interview. Mrs. Wilhite talks about Wauhillau Community, its people, its schools and some of the events in its history.)

KEEPSAKES OF OLD DAYS - OXEN SHOES - TRAINING OF OXEN

(George Osceola.)

Yes.

(He was judge there at Fort Smith.)

Yes. No. Not at Fort Smith. Fort Gibson--near Morrison.

(I mean Fort Gibson.)

In Morrison.

(Yeah.)

Jess: "When a baby was born, his father would go out. And the first thing he sees that morning, that's what he calls him."

(Inaudible) old oxen shoes.

(These are oxen shoes.)

Yeah.

(Well, this is the first time I've ever seen one.)

Do you know what it is?

(Why, that looks like an old bullet mould.)

(Mrs. Wilhite's reply is inaudible.)

(Well, and they put shoes on oxen.)

Yes, they put shoes on oxen. (Laughter.)

(Well, I've never seen that. Didn't even know it.)