

Informants: Jim and Frank Tyner, Cherokee

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(January 2, 1969. Today I am visiting with Jim and Frank Tyner, Cherokees, 84 and 80 years old respectively, of Miles Community, Craig County, Oklahoma. They tell of early day life in the old Flint District, of the Cherokee Nation and of many stories concerning Indian people, events and experiences that they have had.)

EARLY DAY SCHOOL CONDITIONS

Jim: Down that way two or three miles up on Caney Creek.

(That was on Caney Creek?)

Caney Creek, yeah.

(Well now, he was a full-blood too, wasn't he, Charley Young?)

Yeah.

(Wasn't he also a school teacher, too.)

Yeah, he taught our school one time. He tried to but he didn't do much of it.

(That was at Stoney Point?)

Stoney Point. He had three children, Roach, Silas and Callie. Yeah, they had a little girl. I think Silas was in the hospital at Stilwell. I think he died up there.

(Well.)

Silas, yeah. He spoke good English, you could understand him all right.

(Well, I guess it was pretty hard teaching them full-blood kids anything in those days. No books and not much schoolhouse.)

Yeah, that's right.

(Had an old log schoolhouse.)

The hogs slept underneath the house and oh, make an awful racket. There were some boys going to school there by the name of Christie.