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SERELDA WILLIAMS FRYE, SHAWNEE
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BRIEF INTRODUCTION:

(February 6, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Serelda Williams Frye, an eighty-one year old Shawnee of White Oak Hills, Craig County, Oklahoma. Mrs. Frye was born and raised in these hills and she speaks of her early days. Some of the customs and experiences that she has known and seen.)

CEMETERIES - BURIAL CUSTOMS

I really don't know.

(Well, let's see. Now Mr. Frye he thinks he's heard this one up here called the Luli, Luli cemetery. And now--)

I believe, I don't know though, it goes by two names over there, too. Luli and Boots.

(And Boots.)

But I don't know whether--I don't know whether go by Boots or go by Luli or anything about it. I've heard it both ways.

(Yes.)

All I know is Cherokee cemetery, all I know.

(Yes. Well, it must be because now all of the headstones over there are written in Cherokee. And--)

This one over here.

(Except one and that's Levi Doublehead. He's the only one that's got a headstone that's written in English.)

I think, come to think about it, I think name of it is Cherokee cemetery.

(Cherokee cemetery.)

I think that's the way they pronounce it.

(But it must be a old, old cemetery.)

It is.