

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(February 26, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Jennie Robertson an eighty year old Cherokee of Chloeta, Delaware County, Oklahoma. She is a resident of Mose Ridge Prairie, and reveals some of the ways of life experienced by some people of two generations ago in the Indian Territory days.)

SPLITLOG - THE TRADER - SENECA

(Splitlog must have been quite a trader, where did he come from?)

This man he married an Indian woman.

(Yeah.)

I think he was half French and half Indian. And he married in Seneca tribe.

(Yeah.)

And at one time he was the chief of the Senecas.

(Well, of the Senecas.)

Yeah. And that was a way before statehood.

(Yeah, way before statehood. Yeah, I guess the Senecas done a lot of trading within in there.)

They was Catholics.

(Well. (Next sentence not clear) See the Catholic factions that came in there, I guess they built it.)

Splitlogs were Catholics. Yeah.

(He must have come from way up north then.)

Yeah he must have.

(Yeah.)

Well, they told about when she died there was a priest, when she was sixty or seventy years. And they come launched--I think it was up at Vinita had mass. Well, Splitlog when she got sick he sent on horseback over there to get that priest.

(Yeah.)