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JOE HARLOW, CHEROKEE  
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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(February 3, 1969. - Today I'm visiting with Joe Harlow, a seventy-eight year old Cherokee of Vinita, Craig County, Oklahoma. Mr. Harlow reflects on many things of his early days in the northeastern part of Craig County in the community of Hollow and tells of experiences and observations in the Clear Creek country.)

MEMBERS OF FAMILY

My folks is buried up here at Walkerson cemetery. I go up there and look at the--that's all I done.

(That's the one west of Welch, isn't it?)

Yeah. (Inaudible)

(Well, he didn't know exactly how old he is?)

You know what I think? I think he's about ninety years old.

(Yeah.)

You know, last time I seen him I ask him how old he was. Well, the way he talked he wasn't near as old as I am. And see, I knowed of George; he's the oldest of that Barker family.

(Yeah.)

Jack Barker family.

(Yeah.)

He's the oldest one of them, but I don't know why he's still here. I don't know why I'm here yet. (Laughter.)

(Well, there's a reason for it.)

He used to fish and hunt and he's a good fisher and a good hunter. He used to be. Then he quit that and his mind is bad 'cause I know when I go to Welch--I go to Welch every once in a great while.