

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(February 26, 1969. Today, I'm visiting with Jess Fields an eighty-six year old Cherokee of Jay in Delaware County, Oklahoma. Mr. Fields talks of the good days he knew when the Cherokee Nation of Indian Territory existed. And of the people of that time and their way of life common to those of that generation.)

EARLY DAY SETTLERS - CEMETERIES

(That was Reverend Elijah Butler then.)

Elijah Butler he was a preacher.

(Yes sir)

And way, old timer. He was an old timer..

(Well He's the one that got that, started that cemetery.. Uh-hum)

Yeah I used to go, I used to go to down and see some of them graves. (words not clear--static) you know and graves down in there. Course to Butlers. The have a committee--

(Yes),

That keeps the graveyard clean.

(They keep that very nice.)

AT THIS POINT SEVERAL PEOPLE CONVERSING WITH MR. TYNER. THERE IS ALSO A LOT OF STATIC.

(And your name is--)

Kathleen Young Blood.

(Glad to know you ma'am. Yeah Mr. Fields is an old friend of the family. He and my dad went to school together when they were little boys.)

Well.

(Jess) He seems to be pretty near as old as we are.