

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(March 11, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Elmer Parker a 79 year old Delaware of Shawnee Hills, Rogers County, Oklahoma.)

FARMING - HUNTING - PLENTY OF WILD GAME - FISHING

(Yeah, then he remembers because he said two of his sisters were buried in that little Blackfeather Cemetery there.)

Uh-huh.

(And he told me who they were. Now where did--you say all your people came from Chelsea?)

Yeah.

(Around Chelsea that was where you were born and raised?)

Yeah. About a mile north. Then about three miles west.

(Yeah. What kind of country was that down there then--when you first remember about it?)

Well it was pretty good country. There was a lot of farming around there, till they begin to get oil out in there.

(Yeah. That kind of ruined it then.)

Uh-hum.

(How about the hunting back in them early days?)

What was that?

(How about the hunting. Was it good hunting? When you was a small fellow?)

Yeah. That is most of the things. But deer. Stuff like that. I never did. I guess I wasn't old enough to hunt deer.

(Yeah.)

Long time there was not so many.

(Well. They all killed out.)

Well there's lots of them now. Back down on the river.