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PART I

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(March 19, 1968. Today I'm visiting with Fannie Whiteday an eighty-two year old Cherokee of Salina, Mayes County, Oklahoma. Mrs. Whiteday tells of some of the early day observations of this old community.)

Fannie: I was an orphan.

(You were. Now where was that located, Mrs. Whiteday?)

Well that's located, let's see. I'll tell you who lives there. It's an Indian woman Irene Rollins,

(Irene, Irene Rollins.)

And it says on the map 180 that's the site of an old Indian cemetery.

(Yes.)

And there's a man took me out there and showed me one day. There was only one stone standing. I know the man. The other day Charlie Graham told him one day, said "I want you to do some work for me." Said, "All right.

What'cha you want done?" "Come Monday morning." And so Monday morning he went. He didn't know he was going so early. He got there a little before Brother Dave did. And he says he looked all around he couldn't (not clear) anything he thought he could make a foundation out of. He wanted to make a foundation for a house. After awhile he come and he said, "Well, Brother Dave what'cha going to make the foundation out of? I don't see no brick or rock." Said, "Oh no, I'm going to use them tombstones."

(My goodness)

Yes - He says, "Well alright if you want a foundation, you can do it yourself." "I never have made one out of tombstones and I don't intend to."

So he just walked off. You see them two graves out there on the lot?