

Jim Glanville - Chief Lee Interview Part 1 - Transcript

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hi we are here today at the wise in in wise Virginia this is August of 2019 and

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were here to tape an oral history interview with chief Lee vest of the

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remnant ug Nation the remnant beauty nation is based in Kingsport Tennessee

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and it's neither a state nor a federally recognized American Indian tribe the ug

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people are actively distinguished by the ug language that they have spoken for

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many years this is an isolated language spoken by no other American Indian

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people and linguists estimate that the last time that the UT shared any

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language with another tribe was at least 6,000 years ago lacking written history

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we can only speculate about the UT based on their archaeological record before

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the European Europeans arrived in America and began to make the written

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written record my speculation is that a thousand years ago the UT people were at

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the great Cahokia Mounds Center on the Mississippi River where the mud states

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of Illinois and Missouri are located and from there at Cahokia the UT people

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spread eastward across Tennessee during what is the European medieval period and

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they reached East Tennessee by perhaps the 14th of the 15th century Spanish

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records written dating from the 16th century securely placed the UT in

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eastern Tennessee and southwestern Virginia and north western north carolina

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specifically the Spanish records come from the 1567 one part of expedition

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which came into this region where we are in Wise County 40 years before the
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English settlement James them a hundred years later under the baleful influence
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of the colonial English speakers speaking Thomas the UT had become Indian
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slave traders and in 1715 they lost out in the battle for Indian slave trading
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and suffered a great diaspora all across the southeast leaving behind remnant UT groups of
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people in many places throughout the southeast as far as Georgia and Florida
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in the 19th century most of the UT people were sent to Oklahoma on the so
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called Trail of Tears and the largest single YouTube population today lives in the
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vicinity of Tulsa Oklahoma where they are subjects of the Creek Indian nation
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they've never achieved independence today we are going to love about the
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personal history of chiefly and about the remnant Indian people of Kings for
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ten running usually Indian people of Kings Park by calling and asking the
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questions today is Miss mica and no Mather is a native of Japan who has
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studied history in America for over six years at the present time she is a teacher of history and
George Mason
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University in Fairfax County and as a great and what noise was the Graduate teaching the system
and she is
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completing her final work on our PhD dissertation her PhD dissertation deals
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with in 1924 the general racial integrity net which you're going to hear a lot about today and to
require all
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betas we happen quite all babies born in Virginia we register either as a member
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of the black or the white race and thereby administratively medicated Virginia Indians yet was
not
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repealed until 1998 make i'ma turn it over to you and you please add some
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introduction and begin with the first question for chief Lee Jim thank you for
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the introduction so I would like to go on and start my question so the first
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question to you TV it's about the UT tradition during the 16th century
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Spanish invasion so tell us about the oral history of the DeSoto expedition
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that you have often spoke to Jim okay well first of all that we were in the
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area when the Spanish came through what is called the area where the salted salt
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war destroyed okay Julie that's right and by fact I had some salt back there that that we made if
you want to see any
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of that okay we lived there for some time and we made our living by making
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salt and also by we had gardens and we also hunted it wind like a sport for the
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honey Melissa we did hunting and gathering camps which we also do those honey and gathering
camps for programs
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for people to see you know how we actually lived doing those years in
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DeSoto the so came through and then he had a I forgotten the name of the
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soldier that married one of the you two girls and took her down to Florida and
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my practice when Cindy and I was coming back from Florida one day was thinking we're
backtracking the soldier that
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married one of the UT women go back and told me tell them to speak about what
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you told me one time about the oral history of the Aug tribe about desoto at the end of
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this southern expedition and what they look like when they arrived okay yeah that's how yeah
when I first met it's
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been several years ago Jim and I've been around each other all these years and then all of a
sudden we've kind of come
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together and as friends the one of the
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soldiers married one of the ways of Menendez yeah oh he's a menace and
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matter of fact the state of Virginia has
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had become up to their area they hit a bunch of writing trails through and when

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me to Maine although sir there's about 120 of them I'm 20 different trailers with me too

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in guchi language my scouted right did they do that like that Brittany is my

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daughter so we went up up there and they put us in a four-wheeler runs all over

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the country up there and as I so different different things that was

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important to us two main trails so we did that and then that information was

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going to somebody in Richmond Virginia for them to to look over their face

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means it's very muchi languages is very hard to understand and anyway I don't

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know what what this you know if it's going to go through enough but they also from from that place where the always

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trails are and also there was a museum up there that they know for it was a

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youichi museum they want the name of the road from that particular part of the

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Virginia all the way down to the yeah Museum there and that little town

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so it's all there is it no it's them for the museum is nothing they do and make a

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go by that the other day yeah Salt River okay you know so they want to name a trail from from there to

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this so that needs them okay and then there's a a lot of history with that

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particular Museum I've been up there are several times to do programs yeah the question I was trying to get you to answer was when you and I first met I

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came was kind of an academic standing up history and you had a lot of oral tradition and we talked about the fact

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this is 1012 years ago we talked about the fact that de Soto would come through

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and you said there was an oral tradition that the people who came through had how

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many legs Oh had six legs have to explain that okay to the people I don't know exactly

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but we had never seen horses before and I love the Spanish people rolling horses

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and courses the four legs of a horse and the two legs of the Spanish speaking we

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thought that was a strange animal there was six latex yeah and they also held on

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their armament and they were really shiny they polished up and and in the

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woods from the Sun was stream through the trees and stuff like that and hit that armor and we were looking at it it

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was blindness and we thought they were I don't know this was before the time but

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they wouldn't pushing a button to blind us right and then the this group of

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people found out we had a lot of corn places that we it's stored corn and only

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use the word balls they borrowed our corn once you go in the corn and the horses eat it till we don't want to them anyway they they fed their horses and we

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didn't have my states step winner and course I wasn't when bullying there but

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anyway but that's how Jim and I met this was that will feels logical Cesario

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you have entered the name into Virginia yeah yeah and that was where we realized

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you and I had sort of come to the same conclusions you would come to the conclusions through your arm history I

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have done it by by reading the academic like academic relationship yeah there's pretty much well when when the Spanish

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let's just talk about the softball area when the Spanish were layer in the

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Spanish archives me skip out some of the stuff but the special caste talks about

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about us being there was only the only tribe in this area there was no other tribe but there was a lobby tribe which

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was being do due north from not what is now Knoxville Tennessee but on the

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border of Kentucky and that was a : op e

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le na PE and since then I've made a lot

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of little not be friends and anyway they they were in the same boat count as we

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were we're all trying to get state recognition or federal recognition at that particular time one reason we went

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to the recognition for is and I've got the papers here for you oh never you

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know right yeah we'll come back to all of this well see you all a copy of that

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and let me let me add for the record that the the Indian woman who married

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the soldier from that expedition we don't know what her Indian name was but

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the Spanish quarter Louisa Menendez and the soldier that she

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married was one rebuy so that's all committed in the historical record and

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then later she moves to st. Augustine in Florida with her husband with rebus and

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some 30 or 40 years later she's interviewed by the Spanish authorities

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about her background and she says in the interview that she came from a place

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where they made salt with certain methods using fire and that's the method

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where you get to salt brine which is available to solve them and boiling down over a wood fire
gonna get to get the

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salt and we what we did at one time the salt ball area was under sea water right

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and the there's a lot of caverns in that particular area and that water had

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drained down into a rock rock cave and that water is still there but it's a

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groundwater yeah and it still is actually even today that's not what

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boxes okay that salt was made and our honey together in camp that maybe two

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years together okay but shovel is still making salt delinked even though most of you go into the
to

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animal feed business okay you you want to move on make this okay so my next

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question is to you it's about the 1857 roll so first tell us what this 1857

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roll is about and what is the importance and significance of the 1857 bones

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okay this I've got a row here so it said you it you want to go to the light at this so I'm gonna
know to share the roll

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right into a nice pillow this is a very sacred piece to us and I always put
14:02
gloves on to handle that cut it's a very very fragile piece and we should should
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practice this up just 15 to 20 years earlier we had what is called the Trail
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of Tears when Andrew and forced the American Indian tribes of the southeast to move to
Oklahoma and
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this role is made about 15 years after the Trail of Tears and demonstrates the
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fact that there were American Indians who remained in our region despite the
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fact that they had been a Trail of Tears sugar well then of course I made this
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cover to put on this to protect it and it's got show your heart which is the
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Yuchi and this was kept in custody by my
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granddaddy and I have no idea what kind of leather this is I always thought what
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a health or something I don't know but anyway that it's a leather-bound book
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it's good mother-of-pearl buttons on both sides its thing to keep the pages
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intact it's very very fragile can you hold it up a little yeah good in the
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East Village some beadwork right in here and then over the years this was 1857 so that between
1857 and whenever all this
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beadwork vanished and it's very very
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fragile book could you say something about the in description look you from that page we hear
that page that's why
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he put it up and then just describe what it says this layer is the first writing
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in there and it says March of 2015 57 it
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says I have to read this I mean I know about horrible read this thing um on
16:06
this date put some glasses on her thick make it can you read that yeah he says March 21st 1857
on this day
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that creator has brought seed fit that we come together as
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the Appalachian people we come from many tribes the monican SAP Oni

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Leo - little Turkey Shani but now we

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gather as one we ask creator to protect and deliver us from the dark evil that

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tracks us there are people that was tracking us was the government there's an attraction of that particular time

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post jakela and what among that that particular thing about the government

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there was a guy named Walter Flecker who was a first Bureau of Vital Statistics for state of Virginia and let's hold

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that and hope you have lots of question is that that's because area reset what I wanted

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to point happy is that Henry Jackson has

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forced the alien remove the trailer just has happened and now the remnant tribes

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come together and make a document which says we're still here in 1857 and the

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leech right as the youichi and this role has been held by the remnant you see

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people since 1857 describe the rest of

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the roll I think it's Floyd vast to town

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and he was named after Floyd County and John Foley who I think was a government

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right they saw at that time that by the

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encroachment I don't mean for this to be a hostile thing today but we were very

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peaceful people and we were then but they saw fit that they should make it

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roll and we know where they went they went from but it's now at Blue Ridge Parkway and

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we don't know exactly where that was but they sent runners from from Saltville

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all through Tennessee and also into West Virginia and we had people by this list

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this list that's in here has the people's lanes and this guy was born in

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1819 and I don't want to read all these these languor they're not but anyway

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this is several and say again you could see this document sacred what you

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consider this document very very and my grandfather didn't didn't want this to

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ever be made public the book will be married people at public but as far as

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the names who were at this meeting these people these people that's how we find

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our old tribal members for our new problem members just a little bit related to these people it's in here

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when did you first see this stuff and how old were you when when and where did you see this mm exactly hell that was

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about I was a man yes mark my

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grandfather died and the house that this was this was in I've seen this several

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times when I was younger this was hidden in a closet and this is are you a young

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when he first saw this well I first saw it

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we weren't allowed to even touch this thing and then the house your grandfather died

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and the house was was empty but well grandfather actually was still still

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alive but he lived to be 95 your things

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95 years old a lot of years have passed so I had to already been in the Marine Corps and

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when I got out of the Marines came back I wonder what to what we call her own

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place and when went there and somebody

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had gone into the house and all the furniture was still there and stuff like that but there were stuffs thrown a

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burglar this was upstairs you know a closet didn't have any light hands existed look the stairs over the stairs

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was this kind of closet like thing this happened to be laying in the floor but

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it was laying in the floor downstairs so they had picked it up and had taken it down there and whoever did this this was

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no use to them they didn't realize what this was and if they had taken another

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hotel we may not have ever had this thing but anyway I picked it up and

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picked up a few other things and but when I was little my granddaddy he was a

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W a vast William Osler past and how he got the name author when he was born the

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vice-president's came to his first name they'll be here this applies nameless was author so he was named that it was

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the first he was it that guy was vice she invited my vice president but that

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was the only Indian persons ever been and that I think that's right and today

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what do you consider the significance today of that role if it's awesome thing

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it's it's know it speaks out for them for our tribe and if this thing is kind

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of wound down over the years and these piece of beadwork on the front then they're gone and these are

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besides the whole video the pages together now I know that you've been

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reluctant to publish that so will you talk about the reason for your

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reluctance to publish the raw Ivan you've allowed me to publish just a little piece of it but to publish the

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full role explain about that talk about that I can remember people the older

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people saying that this should never never actually be published because everybody at that time wanted to be

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Indian and they could go through here and find the name Jones or something like this oh I'm a Jones I'm I belong to

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this tribe so in any way so we don't publish this because of the people

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slaves in here I think somebody could come by and say oh I wouldn't my name is

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Floyd best or whatever it was and it'd be kind of hard for us to disprove prove

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that I think they've got all this information good well maybe you want to

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go out to a Nutella yes sure so next I want to go ahead and move to 20th
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century so I want to ask question about their racial integrity Act and during
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deep liquor area so I've seen your birth certificate before and your birth
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certificate indicates as colored and loved Indian so could you tell us about
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the story when your mother has to travel to West Virginia to get your birth
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certificate listed as not colored well actually that's a whole lot of truth in
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that because also we we went to Charles to us the vehicles William Flecker at
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the time was the first battery battery back there West Virginia yes and well
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the reason we went to back in West Virginia my granddad has had two older brothers who had
moved to Berkeley and they
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became very wealthy they owned some coal mines there they knew this the low-pressure
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has established a matter fact that you could be in prison if you were a midwife or nurse or supply
kit that filled out
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of the birth certificate if he would had anybody if they would put down that she
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would actually and which was nothing wrong with what's that but we wanted our home that we
will be who we were so they
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went so did you get to Buster titties no it's got that one that's the one it's in
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Beckley okay but what was the one of me cursing there was a certificate of
25:04
health that's what they cause so you didn't see so let's miss correct record now what
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Mika saw was not your birth certificate well see missing my birth certificate think I don't know
but but let me cure
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said what did you see it was one it was some kind of I thought it was a birth certificate that you
showed me that
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under your status it was in racial status it was indicated that's called odd was that your you said it
was your
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health certificate well the health certificate wasn't have had like half of a page it was it murph
ridiculousness

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the whole science what you did you save me I can't remember what I said girl I remember one certificate saying yeah

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well you say your birth certificate is your birth certificate in West Virginia that is this racial status is indicated

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yes yes okay no this is kind of a unique

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thing that happened that Walter Flecker in Richmond Virginia stepped out in

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front of a car in Richmond and he's not around anymore which somebody ran over

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and killed him and a lot of people used to I actually was a city bus they did a lot

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of people used to say well there was any aspy I got to revenge on clicker person

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they were traveling city bus exactly anyway I mean he died instantly yeah and

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I think that a little bit after that they've done with all that those if

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you're born in Virginia if you're Indian your black which that and then back then

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we didn't have all that stigmatism with being black place or anything like that like we do today so

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tell us about how your mother traveled to use that bitly like West Virginia

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do you know how she traveled to I was

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born April 22nd 1941 and there was after right after the I guess the war was over

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my dad was a military and anyway my

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granddad's two brothers and those coal mines that particular time up there and

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they they had contacts with the news thing you go home but they knew a doctor a player then that would put you down

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that's why not they wouldn't they wouldn't put standing as in you know but it was better we thought at times better

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than being black in Virginia so that means in at West Virginia

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there was no racial categories categorization as Indians before okay

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say was also even West Virginia it was only black or white black reward so your

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birth certificate this is indicated as work and not Indian okay alright

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and I also have a follow-up question um did other members of your family

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outside Virginia to be racially categorized as aliens do you know who this James Brown

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for example cousin Pat Pat Brown how

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many would you guess how many total people went from Floyd County to West Virginia to be blonde well first first

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of all my grant has two brothers because of the racial integrity things they they moved I mean they didn't have the

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problem that the both Erickson to be born I mean they were they were over men

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and at that particular time and they owned a couple coal mines in Beckley I

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don't know the name of the miners or anything like that when I was way before but it was quite quite a ride we had an

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old pickup truck thing they had a steak body on the back of it and we put some

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of our furniture stuff my daddy just just got yellow I mean just maybe a

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couple months before later the three months or whatever it was and I guess we

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wish I wasn't they don't remember any that stuff that's too little that we went to

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Berkeley and there was a guy these

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records are just been totally I don't know who existed but they

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they put on one certificate thing that my name is Lee Vaughn Paul best now that

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was who leave Vani is I have no idea Paul this is my daddy but anyway all

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that know it stuff is out and I've got I've got that certificates somewhere I haven't seen it for a long time but

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anyway so when we went up there my dad had planned them he'd just gotten a

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little army and he had planned because his two uncles seeded nerves I think I

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see it Ruben said vest anyway they were they were pretty well established and so they

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told my dad said you know come up here heavier baby born and we'll give you a job in a coal mine well let me just I

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don't think I've ever told this may not be very important but my dad and his grant his granddaddy or his daddy

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brother my granddad came up there to work in the coal mines and one of the

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areas that my dad was in and he was working with a black guy with a roof

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collapsed and hit my dad in the back of the neck and balance and this squashed

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him down he couldn't get up and that black guy died under that big cave-in

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well my granddaddy was in another another tunnel or whatever it was and he

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somebody told us that my Grand Slam was William but we called him they called him Beto say Bill since her son's over

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here under a cave-in and we can't get him out so my granddad took over and he picked up a railroad tile they told me

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how much that same weight I can't remember there's a big long real attack and he got a lump of coal and rode up to

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that he's that thing but he enough for

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coal there and then got a railroad thing and put under this thing use this as a lever and folks and pride that that

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thing up so these people could get my dad out and the only damage it really did to my dad

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was so they crushed his hips and I can't

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I don't know the medical term but anyway the rush my dad to hospitals are

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somewhere Beckley and my granddad was a very religious man and he stayed in

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there and prayed constantly for my dad and anyway my grand I wouldn't met my

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dad to stay in bed he said get out of the bed over here and walk around and get back in the bed over here I was

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hurting my dad but he did that for several times and then a doctor came in from Grand acids
come here minute take

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you outside in the hallway write some news for you he said I'm sorry said we're done we can do
for your son says he'll never be able

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to walk again my granddad says well he's been walking for about two weeks so my dad healed
up

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and we ended up moving back down to Florida County and that's reflected was

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gone right and and Howie give me a number people who went to

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Berkeley because there is no I understand that there's this nice connection with the brothers who
were

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prosperous in the coal mining business how many babies were born in Berkeley to

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Virginia Indians so that they could get white on their personal interests any cats probably 10 or
12 that's good thank

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you I'm guessin now they were both cousins

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maybe because they've got most of that fish I also want to ask you about

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so you said you on your birth certificate you your race is listed as white and not

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Indian so how do you feel about that yeah it's kind of disappointed in it

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because because it's the only record it shows me as native in the Marines that

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break or cut me down as Native American Oh the Marine could put you judgement information
somewhere with me no no tell

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us a bit yeah just a Native American excitement when I went into the Marines

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this is when the Vietnam time what year was what year did you go into range

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[Music] a lot of that is just a border but

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anyway so I think it's 1960 okay and this was Authority other fellow high

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school and I went in so you've been in nineteen when how old were you when you were in the
Marines

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18 pages that's about right nineteen see see ya know that and they allowed you to

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do anti azimuth as a Native American they they denied me that they just they

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just put it down on the certificate thing they're not American but you must

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have told them that well there was a I don't know if every don't know okay but

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anyway there was a and the group that I was in there was our American Indians we

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were where was this where were you winners take time there was at Parris Island South Co and how many other

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American in you Marines loved it all together but with your group probably

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five or six okay and I sent us to Parris Island had we had loaned it that the Spanish had been

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there and they took over that Island and there's probably over the fact when I was marching night we had look straight

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ahead I've been looking for area yeah let me let me just add a footnote to

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that and that is by strange chance when one pilot made his 1567 expedition into

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this region into heardst into the Carolinas he left from what is today

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parasite well I didn't know that at that time that was one like I've got a finger

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for me with a creep I was with an arrangement who had a lot of Native people and we were grouped together

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because they thought that we could sneak up on people and they proved it when time was made they I went to a tent the

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vc10 they get electricity there see see it yes but anyway they there was a about

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four or five men in this tent and I crawled into the back of the tent and stole her machine gun and took it out

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and bought a box and there's gathered had been that made \$20 off money I could

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have been killed did he did you get any medals memory

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yeah I had a problem with that Melanie bet it looks like so what Kenny

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heard of the waterfall that's in solid County I've been fishing there many many times

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yeah anyway what was the question that's made did you met us oh well I've got a

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lot of metal so much I didn't didn't think of what they were

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giving us was right because we had our own source of metals like a wood stick

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that we gave and they were giving out no I was never wounded like like they're better than telephone when I was at camp

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came from Tunis in North Carolina this was after Parris Island they gave

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me a meritorious promotion and put me in this warehouse and all I had to do was step there and everybody else was

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working well this this guy may have been black or you may have been an Indian I

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don't know but he was a he came in they had a clipboard he says I want you to come out here he said I've got these

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burn was on this truck and they've got numbers on and I won she said when I take the barrels off he said we'll find

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a number and you check that off and so

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the very first time he cut out another thing he missed but anyway he was

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looking down with my clipboard no he was

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looking down my clipboard and he took his eye out for the barrels and he the fortress blade which is about that big

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same way he punctured that barrel and it was up about the truck bed was up about

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from the floor about this high all that live not all that liquid how much that liquid hit me head on face and there was

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a pesticide in Asian homes and you know our enemy ones you know swamped with

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agent I swallowed it they went all the way had blisters all over me for a long time

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anyway I got so sick and I just don't remember a lot of things but I walked

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back to the barracks I had little beautiful mom and had combat boots on and my left boots had been filled with

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all that chemical stuff well I didn't know what it was that the hell you know been raised for just a short while and I

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went back to the barracks and lay down on a bay it they had all my clothes on for the next thing I remember because I

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woke up in a hospital somewhere on base there's a big brittle almost like this

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right here just a big red light above me and I was in so much pain and the doctor

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for some reason I went to my left foot that was decided most of that everything got on and he started lice in my boot oh

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it felt so good because it was about foot with this product and when he

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started taking that off I raced up to see what was going on and he just he called me son he said son said you'll be

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all right here said this taking your boots off and it felt so good what I

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kept looking at it but we took my sock off he pulled all the skin from my ankle all that skin came off on my foot that

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stuff that I already started eating eating me up and I don't remember his

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thing after that over the meantime I don't know if this is my mom my mom died

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vomits you won't hear what happened there not me the ones that yeah and we

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took a time after I had healed a little bit they sent me to to Camp Hill more

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have said in Norfolk Virginia and sleet and rain thought well can't be almost a chance its name now Elmore with my

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private is in World War two and he held off a bunch of Germans and

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there's a hero right and so they named this base camp Illinois and they've got

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a different link to it now I could I've been looking on computer trying to find camp anymore couldn't find it and

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finally found out that they changed the name to another hero but anyway all that

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skin came off from about my foot you know I started over the years all these

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stores started coming up on my leg and my body and that chemical was all inside

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me that might be what caused my cancer I don't know that they some cancer free

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now my doctor but anyway when yep that

41:45

welcomes all that doctor I don't remember anything else well it was close to Christmas time I

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got some there to bodytalk county virginia trout blue and don't remember

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how it got no home have no idea i didn't have a car this is that what you would do family moved from Freud county - bah

42:06

- ah yeah yeah my dad had worked for I was working for the government yeah I think maybe we wanted what a good

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battle to the bottom of the page go ahead look if I asked more about

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questions about the mission sure I do want to go back a little bit and ask you

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about the ratio Energy Act and about Walter flicker so so growing up as his

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child in Floyd County you knew about Walter flicker oh no I didn't know your parents they said your

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parents knew and other members of your family knew about flicker mm-hmm so that my granddaddy's two brothers was in

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Beckley and they they knew about the law in Virginia and they said that we got a

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doctor friend up here I guess he had the coal miner together they knew this one doctor that they

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would put us down there was quite okay when did you when did you hear about

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Walt outsider how did you know about them and did you do add to that when you

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were growing up in the in Floyd County did you experience discrimination as an

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Indian in the light of that well I didn't know about it in Floyd County but no there were so many people in our area

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that had native blood that nobody works I can remember one time this is all I'm

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thinking I'm not sure but there was a my granddad was out in that field was a lot

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of things up there were really we have about 5,000 acres of land from a friend I did and that was given to us with

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plains by King George of England and

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that would have been the land Tyler that the king would have given it to you but he might have ended his name is on the

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original land title okay it was probably a pitiful against him I had a paper of our family from

44:08

registrar in Floyd County and it shows my grandmother her name was made in ATT

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ie we call her whirlwind I mean she's always like a girl in this she's doing couldn't sense a well she just work the

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work work alone what was her maiden name hence here Clark say it again without a

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gear oh yeah so she was your father's mother yes and

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she also had Indian blood in her and her her brother was a very well-known

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preacher and Ben Avista Virginia universe the Tom dear Lord the direct

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what I've tried to find the record the record of Indians in Floyd County is very very thin there's almost nothing

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historical record and but you said and I want to hear how many Indians would you

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guess were in Floyd County when you were child say 1950 when I went to start of

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school in Floyd County I went into third right okay and we had stayed in West

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Virginia although at the time when my dad was working for his uncle's we moved

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back to the Ford County one of the locals in their coal mine had a Houseman

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house that was built it but customer my granddad's house so he told us we

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couldn't have that house around me but okay uses our boat or something brave

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move back back there and and you we got

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back to Boyd you realized there was a significant Indian community right well

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not specifically whatever a farm thing no no no but in a can school yeah yeah

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and when he went to school how many how many fellow American Indians there was more of us than as look we always say

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there's more of us than lamb so really so this would be about 1950 and in

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Virginia forty galleries I says bullying 41 and I celebrate great

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so you'd better 1950 and you used to say what was it you used to say about

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American natives before the candy when you went to school there's more no more

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of us than them I mean I didn't mean that another

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their literal sense but they would not like a war-cry thing like the other nice thing and did you do you have did you

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play with you with your fellow aliens I'm sure yeah we had back then you could even carry a gun or a knife in your

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pocket and stuff like that and we do it I call it recess with Greta recess and

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see the squirrel and then put it put it on mice they had all I said hey Brian

47:02

words I put the squirrel on ice and kept it until the school bell rang

47:07

then we walk home Colonel squirrel that's what we have for something man and a heavy to carry I said again how

47:14

did you curse for saying had the weakness how did you kill the squirrel rabbits who did then stop it

47:21

I mean he she's a program with a lot of Balinese I would I wouldn't do that to

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die off him and I had my grandmother gave me a over-and-under for ten so I had a

47:36

shotgun sale on the bottom of the 22 rifle on the top and not to carry a plane to school and I had and how old

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were you when you had this equipment and third grade that's this I find that hard

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to believe with this that's where we here where are those kinds of questions yeah well that's so this grab it again

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that's amazing we you went to school 10 years old with a double gun not insane

48:03

to school I played it in woods so so there's corny there you had it well if

48:11

they did they didn't I mean we all hunted up there you know I don't hunt

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them down today I'll do that right I mean we had to do it they eat so that

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was part of the culture alright now I have another tongue-in-cheek question okay where do

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with your schoolmates you know the certain 4th grade did you use to play

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cowboys and Indians and which side where you are we played you to Turkey we with

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the youichi and they were the charity no you're making that up for them we didn't

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have running water we didn't have clips we had to take a sheet of notepaper like that and fold it into a cup and then you

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stand at the water bucket and dip the water in and you get drinking water real fast cause it eventually it starts

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dripping but my my cousin Keith white Li

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gh 2 m of my granddaddy's sister's grandson yes anyway he had that

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when these aluminum cups it fogs up it's about that thick and then you just live

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it down he had a mechanical thing we all had me to him because we've never seen anything

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like that before and no one had cars we all rode horseback but is this system

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well I said no one had cord I mean none of us had cars in order to give you

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people they deployed County yeah we had a school bus Stanley Lawrence was he had a store and

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he drove the school bus who headed to we had to get on one bus and drive back to his store he let us off we'll get on

49:55

another bus it's a good to the other school oh my my grandes brother Noah

50:01

Noah pay us you know in OAH I guess because here my granddad were Union but

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Noah because of that oh I'd better stuff about the blacks definitely he he never

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would come around now he was a builder he built this oh that's slower than

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I show you but he he was a builder he

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built this particular store he built the schoolhouse that I first went to school in a third grade and he

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built there they built the church there but he always went us height so he was

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in the Indian but but he acted and behaved social even though because he

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thought that people wouldn't use him that there was Indian so that was clearly discrimination and was did when

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was the first time I've ever in Floyd County when did you feel discrimination never not in Floyd County or anybody

51:01

talking about it that's interesting not that cloud went to body thought my

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dad got a new promotion in his he worked for the government

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and we moved the trout wheel and when my best friend's name was Ralph Hicks and

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he was Monica Indian and he and I used to get together at all when we go after

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this big cliff buzzers was best and they spit up on you we get to try to get

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their feathers that they had lost to make war bonnets or whatever we needed and then he ended up moving to Arizona

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he's an insurance business I guess he's still alive and he and I played football

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together I was the first thing quarterback halfback and he was my

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replacement if I could another game as I recall but I thought you were a pretty

51:56

good football player he had a good career and there was one year way you

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went to Christiansburg don't get all that yeah yeah Christiansburg they

52:08

recruited which was illegal in Virginia at that time yes they got me and a guy

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named Mike Bassam Michael's a big as this guy here the

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point is he wasn't Fischer he was a bachelor and he did on the field a

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bastard yeah anyway Tosun you both got recruited by freshers but do what you you both

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both of you were recorded by Christians well yes now mike by submitting salsa

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itself and then culture i was in a paper

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with a lot as a football player and he got in touch with my boy who lived in

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Christiansburg that time capture past my uncle he said what would it take to get

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the lis up here and he said just asking

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so you a fair to say you are a highly talented and highly recruited football

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player in high school that's pretty good I played football Marines also in the Marines today then we're undefeated well

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that's interesting that in general did not do person man good to know that but in general war

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Indians discriminated against in Floyd County in the period of yours I know that there was selling in there there's

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a lot of Indian people in Floyd County and they didn't suffer significant discrimination that's interesting

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there's a lot of them will put down his black yeah I mean obviously the state was discriminating but locally you you

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were pretty much integrated into the Floyd County community is that correct right now ya know what's awful is yes

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okay that little really comes from Saul's will back up my back up to we're

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back up to earth or farming okay well how far we can go we had five I think

54:01

about 5,000 acres or in any way on that road from sure those who do you land no

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granddaddy's daddy built that road the governor gave him two mules and wagon

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and all the dynamite he needed and he built that route from so far all the way

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up to full County you know and your father's do it near Wallace and deal

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with your farmers near Willis is that correct your faith has been absolutely will never say where it was with with

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this color Floyd County but do you

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remember what which direction was it from the courthouse Weston it slow with yeah it was what else being where it is

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you know where check high school is for Texaco Chad I know I check is I don't

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know the school right now but you come from check we were north or east okay

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the school being where it is and we had a ride sometimes three buses to get to

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school and sometimes we had to walk and amuse

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you correct you you hope you like to go back to Floyd sometime today and

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reestablish some of those on our cell talk about talk about that well one of

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our travel women Shiba clan mother also and the placement

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before my grandmother was born it's called moto larval village things were called by towns like her her place

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was called dog town anyway

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seeing my granddad met where there's a big waterfall there and they used to

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stop that stream got the first a lot of

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the last week of March and put the trout in it and we could fish but a lot of people got killed there for this dangerous it's just something that they

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felt looks like a what a funny see their people which is G please party was on

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the wall the conference room there's a fine picture of a waterfall Giri is

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pointing at the water point we just got the D one o'clock when there's only water problem nice vision yeah I was the

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only water floor on your own neighborhoods and now all the water in Floyd County area is there and goes out

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there's no water comes into Floyd County there's no extremes that come into full county level it's all goes out again I'm

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gonna add a footnote to the help the footnote to that is the deploy counties on on the east of the kind of cut

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identified and the the water that comes in there's no no no place for water to

57:03

come into Floyd County this is all a down hill out of Floyd gambler so I don't flows that no yeah all the water

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in Floyd County goes out of the county yeah nothing comes in listen rain something good but there's there was a creek and with fish the first time I

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ever saw when he so we call it a devil fish there's a big lizard about that

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long mean-looking they don't bite you but the with me know just another the scientific

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name for I can't recall that now but I'll be the first one I ever saying I was heading my jeans on and roll the

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seams up past my knees and I'm standing the water I looked down various things coming to I thought oh yeah doll so very

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they don't pay attention to you but anyway I gotta have the water just watch that there was how old would you been Oh

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at that time I probably 9th grade and

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that was the night won't we always had the fishing station open the 1st of April but some of those people were when

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I was named Commission would come through and stop the creeks they would go at night and catch those fish and we

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didn't having sometimes much love so did you catch those fish and you ate them

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and you also mentioned that you lived off the land and we had we had acres and

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acres of corn beans and squash so you grew like farming like vegetables in

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from their farm and you also say you can't like you caught fish and you figure squirrel so how did you cook

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those squirrels in which season the squirrel would sue them and how did you

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cook them oh good Oh with frying we'll wait he's gonna screws just say this is

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this the whole school but right here's his tail and his anus is right here he just could have a notch right here we

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step on on the tail and you grab the rest of the legs like there's a new pool and all the skin comes off and you gotta

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be careful about the hair getting on the meat it's hard to get off especially with rabbits and we had to

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did that to eat and we would say a prayer prayer for those little animals and there was I wouldn't kill enough

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things today for nothing but back then that was just and but hehe sorry

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that's what says it's like even went to Walmart or stuff like it buy a loaf of bread or something

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the thing about it your back the end I mean it wasn't a sport it was a survival

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and the Indian Way was to was to pray for the animal he would kill yeah

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if we had time you just just speak to the creator of this picture you know

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like while you're going from the house to the woods or some I get you to say you know if it's if it's in favor today

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let us get something to feed our family and we hit a lot well at that time I

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played this is this is like the law and floyd county way being in the virginia

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it's the time you can only kill 50 squirrels a year and we we honor that I

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never get to 50 square I think the most squirrels I ever killed when he was 27 my granddad always get the 50 and then

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that was that was it you know we could we could not fish or

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hunt or do anything like that on Sunday

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why stories well Sonny was supposed to be safer different lasers you know that

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was that was white Virginia it was what it was white Virginia to stop the Sunday

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yeah well though they're animals did you hunt for food

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groundhogs you had to cook though the current but called a crawl under their arm on the front lawns got to cut that

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out because it's made of meat taste man and you and your brothers and sisters

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also helped to cook for different

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everything we fix he ate but he never does help the sisters with a big enough

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fish to eat yeah they have horns on their head the

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male of us in the chirps of the females forget about that long that's as long as

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a male and the the male hair that was horrible I says and he takes his head he rolls his kravitz and the flame grows

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these scrambles up and then she lays her eggs in there then he comes by and fertilizes as you know it all that

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certain 20 fertilized they go down in the rocks on those up those eggs it's not like they did it they wash away I

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think he went to like a shallow place of water just not in a swift watering they

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couldn't do that but but they didn't stop Oh my grandmother was born at that big

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waterfall is in dog town and they cut nearly there's we called Matt Tom's

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there's a catfish about that long maybe six inches long and she called an

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extraneous to it back because the head or I'll tell you didn't have anything in the mess

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and that's why the sheet of paper and why did he do people go me going back on

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on page to his script well when did any people go to Floyd County why did they

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go yeah why why why did they give because the motor isolated there no motor motor could people actually

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further to the east yes yeah well it went a because it was I so it was

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isolated and at that time the timber business was big yes and also there was

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a lot of gold and silver in Floyd County I mean I've got a bunch of gold and

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silver at the house was I'm a silversmith you know I went to school to be a silversmith yeah we're going to

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come back and talk a lot about that way around okay yeah in ERISA okay okay so

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you mentioned that um so he were born in West Virginia and then when you were about the third grade you move back to

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Floyd County we look back okay was it you know I guess the third grade was still growing at that time and both back

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you know we lived in crow crow West Virginia there's a lot of history about

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that matter of fact that they the Park Service has this area player and they

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well he was involved in this thing they're gathered in you up in West

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Virginia you know he sent me that that belt their woven belt I'd forgotten to

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do something say I didn't bring that bill 20 there's a woven belt that she

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must have they must have made it for a big person called I could wrap it around me about three times then you had not

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only if you're if you're married you tie the knot on the left side and if you're not

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on the left side it was kind of like a runner waiting but well I'm married but I have to authorize my fingers and my

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favorite would swell would not have trouble getting my ring off anyway though they had found a lot of beads and

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stuff like that up there and kind of think about County this was Raleigh

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County and we go over to the pork and see the

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trains way down they look like little matchbox car going down the track anyway

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they call or sent me a letter and they had found some artifacts in there and wanted to know if those were our

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artifacts Youth one set this thing up I'm sorry I have bad memory so I will

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talk about it during the break what we

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have to say to Floyd County up when you are there your first one so so you moved

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to floor tell me when you were in grade school right there so before you decided to leave Virginia

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border any Parsa before you moved to Kingsport Tennessee order any parts in

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Virginia that you moved well from first

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moved back from West Virginia to slow again we went to our farm from aggrandize form and we stayed there for

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a long time and then that time I want to

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play football and Ford County itself had a football team but

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I heard of this team called color warriors hey that's for me so I was in Troutdale

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Virginia so then you moved to charts filtering gentlemen but my dad won't

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forget who he was a veteran Army veteran and at that particular time the war was

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over the VA was help the veterans you know get a job or housing or something

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like that and they they even did that to me and we get all three medical medical

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stuff and there's a there's a law by the

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federal government now if you if you have a drop of Indian blood in you the

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law says that you get over all your health taken care of that's like with

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many of the problems I had to the VA took care of the behavior of the veteran administration took care of all of that

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it was an Indian Health Service right I insist no Indian tell things yeah but I

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mean my visit to Oklahoma I met quite a number of people who were involved as

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either using the services of the Indian Health Service watching I've met people who are working in working in the Indian

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house you sent me an email here the fall back when nobody ever been to Oklahoma but not to the UT reservation but I've

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been developing home there's a lot of times I what was it the two key to Oklahoma I was going to California

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okay yeah I got the movie business out there one time in California and didn't

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like the California oh gosh you know it was this too busy I mean you've got you

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getting your your room go to sleep and don't care health for the way it was in scores rebate baby so they always

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something's this when when did you move to Kingsport it's been a long time we've

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been married well my her bursaries was just recently well congratulations

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which university was it 30 days so you

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imagine city to 38 years that's it's wonderful yeah yeah I never get where

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were you man he keeps floating like where's my house we had a house on the lake we had this friend of her mom's

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knew this house was for sale there's a big beautiful house right on the water which way to what reach wait boom like

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Bernal 8 and 1/2 hours after the King spoilers I think this came well is that Bluff City Bluff says oh yeah there's

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about 15 20 minute drive to Kingsport okay then we lived there for and when

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you married when you married Cindy what was your job at that point what did you

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what did you do for for a profession in the years of the early here's you

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imagine sending money there huh

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well had antiques you know I have an antique this we have 19 businesses okay

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we traveled it shows all over the country what kind of shows I think so

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all kind of and and did you sell your eye defects no well I did sell one

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thought walk one comment but the reason I did that was there's woman found one in Richmond Virginia the antique show

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and she bought it and gave it to me and I wouldn't inform to her so I sold it good and you you one time talked about

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your grandfather and somebody who tried to sell him Indian artifacts oh okay

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tell that story there was a in Floyd County only I can't believe might make

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sure this but I think that the the Game Commission would stop the streams with

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trout and it was a fishing season open

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the 1st of April I believe I've been somewhere along that line right and we went down to the Ross Lewis's store say

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it's a lady who's not over we won't have the raw thoughts are stored there was a

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storm a couple Noah had built it and he

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wouldn't anybody know he had anybody in it I got a picture of all that and I got that one talking on the back of it but

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anyway uh so this guy from from walk yeah came up it to Ross was the store

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yes and he just walked up my grenade he said I bet you've got something you'd

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like to have here and I said what's that he said got these pipes

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but these companies card got them out as in the tail piece of fog or something like that my granny I looked at him he

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said well push your ruins and he said why did a good job when he's dead something like that my granddad says not

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of course not concerned hates them against the bank of Boger one of them that's a good story to stop on we're

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going to take a break now and we'll continue in a while Thank You chief Lee

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I Jim Adam again this is the second session of our interview of four chiefly

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in the oral history of the YouTube nation we have to wise in in West Virginia we KN know is on my left and

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chiefly sits beyond her and we're going to talk about two things in this session

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we're going to talk about the UT Chiefs of the genealogy and then we're going to talk about some of the artifacts that

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chief Lee has been involved over the years in making me here all right so chief Lee you're my first

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question to you is so would you tell us about your genealogy and about all the

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previous women that you ug Chiefs you can name okay well first of all real

0:57

answer the last question first yes tell me know that she's your chief said that I can link her estranged

1:05

always anyway there wasn't that many because you cheap people were out in

1:12

Oklahoma were recognized along with the Creek Indians out there and they had

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their own leaders out there but the creeks people out there over rode the

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Nucci people so they're actually the the Chiefs were the creeks people and I don't know who exactly they they were

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and but as far as Howard my granddaddy

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we always call him chief he lived to be 95 years old

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and we live when we move from from

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Beckley West Virginia to back to Floyd County 10 and granddaddy's brothers talk

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house we bought the house from Earth it was my friend his brother and we live

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live there and when the Chiefs name was chief I said that yeah well he he was

2:07

just he was it's called a head man man if my granddad bill bill best go

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vascular he was it we had a lot of family gatherings that weekend and sometimes we've hit roughly

2:21

what weighs dates what year was he born what do you need I have whatever pass

2:27

just give us an approximation you know

2:35

them well when did you know that I'm doing from from the tribe that the farm

2:42

and how all the way you when you were first married when you came back from

2:48

the thing whether that's not eight years old so you see you met them and he wasn't

2:53

having you how many years did he live after you first met him roughly probably

3:00

89 years you know so so he would have been would have died maybe 15 or 20

3:06

years after you came back and you came back in 49 so he would have lived to maybe the middle fifties that actually

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dies when he's 95 it was 95 so he was probably born somewhere around 1860

3:21

well him if he knew his birthday but but he would have been born around 1860 and

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so he would have been the first ever chief for the remnant youtubenation okay we didn't tell him Stephen him but

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but he was he was effectively he was the first chief who has no family leader but you caught him the head man

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but he was an effect of first remnant ug chief now he's the one that taught me

3:45

everything I know about our friend very good okay and then after he passed on if

3:53

he passed on his daughter Sally and she

3:59

lived in Tennessee at that time and she she became chief and she died and then I

4:06

pass it on to me so there are voting means three quote

4:11

Chiefs of the remnant ug nation that was your grandfather William vest

4:18

you aren't and Sally I'm Sally and you and when did you become chief

4:26

I don't really know the year but he don't remember a part then T for about

4:32

27 years okay so you mean chief about 20 years baby

4:40

well we want to know as many names as you could tell us of your relatives so

4:48

so we know about your Aunt Sally who was on Sally merit oh boy Tucker tiara WA yes it wasn't Tucker -

4:58

you seek it out into a tactic that he was non-indian he was a non-indian okay and he lived in Tennessee yes okay they

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they didn't but for Tennessee battle Tennessee they owned a Texaco service

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station in a diner okay and it was close

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to when they they flooded to later what are the lights when I flirted then it backed up close to their restaurant just

5:24

here across the hallway they don't fish in sea want to know 20 feet or so they

5:29

went about 20 feet right through the road and then over the

5:36

banks okay there's a lot of houses in under the water down there now he would talk away going coming right across from

5:43

prison never spot of TVA there's a planet there the Tennessee Valley Authority will take it yes okay okay now

5:52

did you have a dude out Sally have brothers and sisters see her son and

5:59

he's deceased yes he and he was a toddler presuming it no

6:05

see that she was made to economy economy excuse me I hope that means that okay

6:12

I'll tell you off camera funny I don't know why did we do now tell about your

6:19

brothers and sisters thank because I'm the oldest son then my brother Tom and

6:25

then the sister Kathy or Karen mother then Kathy that's it so you see have one

6:32

brother and two sisters right okay I know they active in the remnant you two

6:37

nation the tribe members well Karen oh this sister at that time see this would

6:47

be around that's all that she and Donna

6:54

she was mad to find out what da Jones who I knew it years ago so she spent most of her time

7:01

there they lived in some place in Ohio I don't remember they moved up the player

7:06

well they still owned the company and I guess they had a corporate office up there was something out of mine okay and

7:14

then your assistant Kathy what I used to call her little Pocahontas you used to

7:19

call that little bugger Havas pictures ever little they way she lives in

7:27

California Fresno California no does she

7:32

take an interest today the Rendon UT nation will be in that far away can see she's not exposed to it like an everyday

7:40

thing they see was probably more interested in in our tribal tribal sense

7:46

then then Karen okay and you and your brother Tom I know your brother Tom's

7:52

involved with you he was a very involved

7:59

in of him that that his his wife says his wife has a lot of

8:05

health problems and he didn't come to tribal meetings on regular basis here

8:12

lately because of his wife game in brno season she's a legally blind for one thing and

8:20

see his falling down steps in her house he's afraid to leave her by herself

8:26

and when you were growing up what kind of things did you and Tom do in Floyd County

8:32

well we did yeah other ones that we can

8:38

put on that put on YouTube we at that

8:44

time my granddad was actually training

8:49

me to take this place so you were trained to be a remnant you chichi from

8:54

your childhood and of course we've is up in the mountains and there's a very

9:00

little entertainment going on so we used to to make bows and make errors and talk

9:07

about all this in just a couple of minutes yeah sound sorry so you are

9:17

growing up with Tom how how much older are you than Tong five years five years older so when you and he were were kids

9:24

you would go out and play in the woods and conkling's and so on so they fish

9:30

and hunt trent and how sensible were you of your indian heritage at that point very tell more about that well on

9:41

weekends we had no grandes

9:46

two of his sisters we took this the children were sisters and they lived in mourning yes and then every weekend we'd all come

9:54

up to Floyd County we lived next door I guess maybe 200 yards from my granddad's house yes and

10:01

we we just talked about that stuff you know whatever and my grandmother and

10:08

some of the other ladies we plant a lot of Gordon's yes and so did the other

10:15

people and they would share they would remember one time that was listen to all

10:21

our stories and I sat down in the kitchen floor and they had a big old washtub like this and they had parts of

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green beans and they were talking to me

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himself and I'd sit there and listen to their stories I mean they would tell always these wonderful stories and I can tell

10:40

you some of them but anyway one time they were they were talking the night

10:45

about there was a picking blackberries to make preserves and jelly stuff like

10:53

that and they heard this clang clang clang clang coming down through the woods after him and they thought we

10:58

would never heard anything like that before and so they started backing out of the back and because his thing was

11:04

getting closer and closer what it was I came through this man's name but anyway

11:10

he was on their land there was more blackberries on it and he had those

11:17

stovepipes you know those old-fashioned stoves here there was a hole on top of

11:24

it and tight until he spelled so the snakes couldn't bite his legs you know they'd hit doesn't smoke oh yeah

11:29

everybody's walkin they were hitting together like that so he was wearing stovepipes yeah

11:35

and now how I wasn't around to hear all

11:40

that right but they taught these shorts - yeah they told stories about it always kind of stuff well my granddaddy's daddy Floyd's now

11:50

he was named after Floyd County right Floyd this was hired by have no idea who

11:57

was but to widen the roads from Soulsville Virginia up to check and they

12:06

gave him two mules two meals and he got five dollars a day paid and to make that road from salsa

12:14

Virginia all the way up till our farm which is part of 20 miles and it took

12:20

him a long time willing and what did he when you say he made the road did that involve cutting down trees and laying a

12:26

road bed with the blastin that though as

12:31

long as how the rivers and you had the branch tell enough that he would be enraged to the river and you couldn't be

12:37

up the mountain he one day was blasting these rocks out and a piece of that rock

12:45

he underestimated something they put too much dynamite in hit one of his noodles in the head and killed a meal so the

12:52

government wouldn't replace that new so he just had one new to do all that when they said whatever so ripe above there

12:59

was a Altamont ultimately and it was a very very big tourist place when people

13:06

people even came from France they were soaking this mud that's healing mud that

13:13

was there and my granddad worked down there and I got a picture of him I pictured him when he was just a young

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boy and he's got a would wanna know my wife that woman we didn't wear wool bonnets you know the big feathers and

13:25

everything like that I just picture him in the net Pierce say that again that's important he was

13:30

wearing a big feathered hat and what was the name you thought that wool war w AR

13:38

a walk on it gallo yeah that's 34 but we

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need to make a point for the viewers the war bonnets were not a no associated

13:48

with the UT tribe war bonnets were a Western thing like it is it fair to say whenever you see Indians depicted in

13:55

American they were wearing war bonnets that's because the public requires it's because it not because the India's World

14:02

War my life right I've never you never wanna walk like well hey up mates and if

14:09

I can go and explain some more one of my best friends have a Cree Indian yes we

14:17

call him Tonto pronto he plays hockey and for the Salem rebels and I'm

14:23

recording Tonto Tonto Toronto Toros huggie player yeah Tonto he's a nice

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name was pointed somebody started

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calling Tonto pronto go see here he was a hockey player we had hockey but you

14:46

can make those goals pretty pretty good and he and I were really good friends

14:51

this is in probably you know when I went

14:57

to Virginia Western I took I went there because the government required me to go okay and I wasn't interested in that and

15:03

that kind of stuff yeah but anyway I just went to there's been about 1970

15:10

roughly probably like yeah well I want to go back to a second to the war bonnet

15:16

thing you you said something about two prongs of paronto and war bonnets and you did make them war bonnet is that

15:22

mm that made several of those and what would what would the circumstances you made war bonnets just a bit just to make

15:29

it my granddad told me to learn everything that he didn't even learn tell me the

15:36

specifics of your training when you were eight or nine or ten with your

15:42

grandfather and he was already you understood that he was beginning to

15:47

train you to be the future remnant chief yeah I didn't know that at the time that

15:53

he always we were up in the woods and he needed a saw or something he'd say bleep run down to the barn and get me the such

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a such saw but when I took him literally when he said run down there I'd run down there and run back and so I developed a

16:07

lot of athletic things I'd run jump over loaves walks or whatever and go get this

16:13

stuff and run back up there didn't you didn't walk back and all that led to my

16:18

even in the Marines I got I said all kinds of records with my endurance and

16:26

running and stuff like that but anyway I

16:31

called on ran a diet yeah Deadwood he taught me to hunt fish how to skin animals out how the town

16:38

hides everything that all the edible plant says in that part of the country

16:45

bring some some plants for you yeah we're going to do a session later where

16:51

we talk about it yeah we might go ahead woods and find some but anyway we've

16:56

learned it all or I don't know he's thinking well in our tribal now I know you asked the question

17:03

ladies that it's not related to us by family but she's the tribal person her

17:10

name is Donna cook and she's very very knowledgeable about herbs and so forth

17:17

she knows all these things I know a lot

17:24

of what you do remember he was your grandfather but you caught him dad

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when did you love do you remember when you knew that you were being trained to

17:38

be a future chief I guess probably as

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graduating from the hospital he was

17:51

always training me and of training and of course him by everyone to learn anything but most time we cloth or on

17:58

and it show me this plant in this plant and had a trap one of the things I

18:06

thought was kind of cruel we'd find a hole of tree out in the woods that

18:12

woodpecker had picked a hole in it about maybe about that big around maybe three inches and he'll take horseshoe nails

18:21

and nail those nails in at an angle like this and then hit put it efficient and

18:28

back in there well raccoons would come and stick the pole in there to get that fish and then we bring it out because males were

18:34

sticking us it was a raccoon trap right and you're trapping bait to go early the

18:39

next next morning close it they were active at night had to be there next morning is full Sun

18:45

even come up to get that animal out or he didn't want to suffer and we reckons and we also use the skins for

18:54

what kind of age of skin we the skin food to make hats who make pouches this

19:01

even blankets so you were trading a lot of Indian

19:08

crops by your by your grandfather and my grandmother said that my grandfather got

19:13

to spend a lot of time with him but he had other grandchildren see he had him

19:21

and I called my grandmother mom yep they had

19:31

[Music] they hit about six or seven children mm

19:37

and how was the one that he he favored

19:42

you well either he took leave the faith labor I favored him and he was a really

19:49

good time kicking so that's part of the remnant yuichi heritage but how do you

19:54

make the transition to becoming a Yugi because you you're not by heritage but

20:04

that's not unusual it's a kind of the unwritten law is we

20:12

don't care if he you have future blood as long as you have but don't let master

20:20

roll with one reason we don't like for that to get out in public yes we've had hundreds of people come in

20:26

and say they always said my grandma was full of Turkey Union and goofy but

20:34

you're not you're not us so so what else

20:41

should we know about your genealogy in your family do the other parts of the family scattered or do you have family

20:47

in Florida for example I still have family in Floyd Floyd it's a very fluid

20:53

I think they're still there my aunt oh my dad's brother burnt

21:02

father's are gonna burn it yes he

21:08

middle carry war - and he ended up with COPD I get he was also a smoker and he

21:15

died and he died here a couple years ago well one of her their children was Carol

21:23

Carol Ann and she was married to a there's would've been your heart Carol

21:29

Anne no Carol Anne with my cousin your casual yeah wonder was my aunt by my my Wanda

21:34

Wanda's mother was a vast but not paralyzed

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and so but her mother married on a white Nick their reasoning coaches acquainted

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because the back of her neck was fully really quite a lot of the Indian people had that long hair and their next month

21:55

white and so that they get to the name white Nick because of the necklace white

22:00

and anyway hermano explained more that's interesting explain more about that the

22:06

these were Indian people who had Indian blood but they were called white necks

22:11

know the non-indians would call quite next because because they did their neck

22:17

was white okay the back with the back of the neck look like okay but her mom was a vast and she made a vest okay so

22:24

that's her her mom and dad I don't know

22:30

if favor of relators or not don't know if it was incestuous things or what was going on at that time

22:36

anyway that was we were all born about the same time well Carol Ann's husband was a he was a lisa kline Sputnik but

22:46

anyway he was a very intelligent guy he no these long as we sent to the

22:51

moon I already well then after a couple of times of that he he's very religious and

22:58

he became a preacher and he got a church in Virginia Beach Virginia it was a

23:05

Christian Church so and then all the

23:10

chemicals and stuff that he had been around on his career took hold and he

23:16

died with cancer and they lost his church who said Carol analyst in

23:22

Virginia Beach and no husband and I don't know she's got children now or not

23:28

but she was just about herself Rwanda went down to Virginia Beach to be

23:34

with Carol and I think Caroline still living down there so there's no K yeah

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Carol's Carol's brothers and I don't want to mention their names and her brothers

23:48

never did never did

23:54

want to be involved within you they didn't learn the same rivet and they would always there was shared of their

23:59

Indian blood there was only one that it never affected me or my family like that that I think did you ever talk to Barry

24:08

his name Barry video or live like the blackberry you know up and up in to

24:19

Lasky's Virginia there's a I can't think this guy's name mount but anyway but

24:29

he's Indian and he's got a traditional Indian name I can't think of her like

24:34

the way Barry was never interested in

24:40

any of our heritage at all and he the younger brother and I don't know better

24:45

his younger brother how he felt Carol analyst too far away than a nun

24:52

Virginia Beach Virginia so so we have we

25:00

covered most decision with the genealogy so what so what we're going to do now I'm gonna we've got a couple of objects

25:07

I want you to talk about and then we're going to move on for the rest of this session of the tape we're going to move

25:14

on and have you talk about making Indian artifacts in that history so the first

25:21

thing but before we do that I want you to show this picture to the camera and talk about what that image is hold it up

25:29

and my granddad's brother Noah

25:34

there's no Maddox mountain I want to see Matto X and I'm ad do X on

25:41

next now in fluid but he moved up my uncle my great uncle wouldn't know it he

25:49

built this building here and he built a lot of churches they built they built

25:54

matter of fact the school would have had a one-room schoolhouse and a sliding glass door would fit that thing off he

26:00

had first second grade in one side and then third fourth fifth and all that to

26:05

the seventh grade I think it was did Noah celebrate being Indian no no no no

26:11

I didn't didn't like that at all because he thought that because he was a builder yes

26:16

and evidently somebody I don't know for sure but but I think he thought that was

26:22

a hurt his business being been native and of course you know he worked out

26:27

some turkey but I think that's mine but yeah he built the school house he built

26:35

the church up there and he built this store yeah and Ross Willis ended up the

26:42

Willises there are trouble people Oh after whom Willis Willis in Floyd

26:47

counties rain they traveled good yeah now bonnie bonnie is a vest and he

26:54

married Ross Willis oh she's a bunny Willis well hurt her day it was a vast and he lived about a

27:05

half a mile down the road and then anyway around the side the back of this

27:12

house or the doors thing now that there's a church back here and a lot of people would walk over to the church and

27:20

there's a Creek over here on this this side and the government would come

27:25

through and stock trout and that river before but I think I may be wrong on

27:31

this but I think it was the first day of April or first Saturday in April chop

27:36

season open and you can don't you had a license but very young and he didn't have a license at that

27:42

time but this guy from from wrong I can't roll no tags on his car had parked

27:49

in here because of the people up with pork please go here gonna get a soft drink or pack of cookies or peanuts or

27:54

something like that and then but hey we Porky's color there and it was pretty

28:00

obvious that my granddaddy was a Native American look this man Porky's corn and somebody hold up my

28:09

granddaddy and then start talking about about something well this man goes for truckers Cory says hey Indian come over

28:15

here I wanna show you something and he'd opened that trunk up and this was the

28:21

story you told earlier yeah that he shared the pipes and he servants or

28:26

broke the pact right well he open it up and said he said look at these pipes here Z he said look these good

28:32

Indian pipes he said I made these myself my granddad looked at Undercity then boom I guess they're broken all the

28:38

pieces because they were they were faked my granny did he was this guy was selling those things it said I don't

28:47

then we're gonna move on a little do it said that on down we're gonna move on so don't say oh my hearing I want you to

28:58

read this quote and they talk about that okay this quote says first we means the

29:05

any people had to land and they had the bible's now we have the Bibles and they have the land in a quote goose team who

29:15

are white people white people no first

29:20

first we had darling will you India's had the land and they had the Bibles now we have the Bible's may have planted

29:27

this car business this quote is this would be

29:37

when we write that up with Mika puts in a thesis he can saying that that's a

29:42

quote from chief leave it out it's a quote from me but I mean that I have heard that before

29:51

so I'm ready to move on Mika to two

29:58

artifacts if you are ok chief we I'm going to slide down here you brought a

30:03

number of boxes put a lot of facts with it and I'm going to slide it down these

30:11

the two first and I want you to open them up with the give this years over

30:17

the last a lot of questions about these and then there's one side said one of their so I said okay well first of all

30:29

this is kind of a yeah awkward thing but

30:35

I know it makes me thank you system who sent me the information about the system

30:42

system family yeah there's a site visit the only I feel of you beside him Froy candidates haven't been properly

30:49

excavated and written up it was only a very very fun people that was assistant people you know

30:55

you're related to a little little cover story for that trap fish knows all that

31:07

white okay and we go in and get soft branches oh I did this is Talent everybody was talking about they will

31:14

see my Indian collection that yells ain't nobody has these because these things didn't survive we call these pipe tapes and I made

31:21

hundreds and hundreds they'll explain for the audience who are watching the video explain what a pipe temp is and

31:29

show average use I didn't bring a pipe with me well we can weaken or Romania to

31:34

play if I don't like a pipe yes the Tampa this is the back of time you just tap that the back are down in there and

31:41

then of course your clip on I didn't bring them felt quite with me and all these temps decorated these patterns

31:50

they come they are they decorated just sort of more I mean just but just what

31:56

happened my mind is going to do so show

32:01

some of them that you that you mention some that you particularly like well

32:07

this was my period with these seeds looking at you that's a woodpecker and

32:13

it says it's held like this you thank you and you made of this and both we always

32:20

say God made this but I just recreated it say that again God God made this yes and I or change

32:27

the phone that's one of the two things one of my teeth teachers in eighth grade

32:34

in Floyd County you know check Virginia really so yeah I

32:39

made it he said no he said God made it you just changed the four months that was no God made this not just changed

32:46

forms got hours in it another thing that's like a woodpecker what kind of

32:52

wood is this is anything any bigger this this right here is cedar cedar

33:06

that's what here also a seizure how it didn't work receiver this this was what

33:14

we call a beaver chew the Beavers would cut down certain trees and then drag it

33:21

underwater and they ate the bark off of these these things and this was no good

33:27

to him buddy and I wait out in the creeks and get these because a lot of

33:33

them was just like this woodpecker thing you know you just look in their mind say he says I want to be a

33:39

woodpecker food just carve it out and these they were lost if they were lost

33:44

in the woods or something like that they didn't survive because the you know

33:50

Midwest echoes won't pick it up or anything like them and so they were the

33:55

organic material which deteriorates to the environment right so baby wait no

34:01

this is a beaver to see the cracks in that area he can see that it was a teeth

34:10

mark it was a beaver teeth English and so I just made it because these things I

34:16

want people know I made these leaves are not ancient ancient thing but and say

34:22

again where there could be virtues well cuz I leave a few dollars but why does

34:28

it be mature to of it that's a food that's the nourishment they need the boy they eat the back for food

34:37

you're winning gifted but sometimes these things will tell me what they want

34:43

to be they'll have certain little flaws than me make eyes when those are something like that so they tell you

34:49

what they were to be yeah you just look at it just I'm gonna be well this one I

34:54

want to be anything that's a plaintiff but this but anyways I want to just see

35:02

that now this is cedar not love working the Cedars just a beautiful wood and

35:07

then I I get these real slit and how I get them real slick cuz it makes them

35:24

really really slick and you see that's eat but what I wanted so that people

35:30

know this this very few people would even have anything like this in their collection because they didn't think dad

35:37

I mean they write this but I got some

35:44

more the same thing but here's something that people can find they can find a

35:50

full bruised ax which came before again they can find these because they don't

35:57

die I mean this is so always be how heavy is that to play on the city with

36:04

it's made of some kind of a stone some kind I don't know what screaming fun fun yeah so the name of

36:11

this is what it's a foolproof and explain to making out how the full

36:18

groove is used to make the axe you put

36:29

that on there we sometimes we would take

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secret board you get the sample further or quite quite time was bit and put that

36:43

glue around here and put this on and then time but this would go all the way up to the top I didn't bring what

36:50

they're talking is tied off the pier and it's get tensed because the handle I had it this half then it's not that would be

36:58

happy and you may find this but you wouldn't find these so many people there

37:07

there's something else in here this play I don't really know but I believe it's a to kind of to looks like a so struck

37:15

when it's aged oh yeah - jibiji skinning

37:23

and food preparation yeah because you see in the Europe you know we speak of

37:29

the Stone Age and America before the arrival of the Europeans remains in the

37:36

Stone Age yeah and so all of the tools such as the pipe ug show such as the axe

37:43

magician those tours or waiters known now these are okay now you've got

37:48

another box for this is a backhoe tents and five 10 five days these are looking

37:54

yeah these are elaborate I want you to show us some of these and to talk about why this is actually that part of that

38:01

there's a handle from a spoon or fork or knife and in this particular time period

38:10

thing I protective being a silversmith I checked a lot of metal and of course

38:16

not silver nor gold but anyway took this part and put that point together and

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then I have my own mixture of glue then they glue got a time tour from the white

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pine and this is very so and this is something just the pipe thing and that's

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of course 20th century because it's called manually boy yeah that's thing

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like with this one this was a tail bore and hit two of these things in my

38:44

grandmother's kitchen at our by amazing okay she dried her hands when she's

38:50

cooking sore at it yeah I said well let's take one of those things she'll never miss it I took this one and before

39:00

I got this thing finished where's my tail bar a useful tab or probably one of

39:06

the one of these things why you've been this one well see that is a lock on building that part right there and I

39:15

like this cuz I have eyeballs are kind of weird but but what I wanted to really

39:22

repeat my simple is one reason I want to do this table puppies will not ever say

39:30

those things and you won't find you won't find these because they get your

39:37

environment yes I like to eat that's a

39:44

bullet oh and the broadcaster yeah this

39:49

will they both what pen and so this is is it these are Indian artifacts brought

39:56

into the 20th I don't know I don't have it find the ballistics I've got that oh yeah

40:09

a producer said the only other we're in southwest with Jesus were plenty of guns and birds there were 47 son market yeah

40:17

my tribal colors not my clan where I'm in the bear clan his blue and red okay

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so I just thought well you make it was like this was an antique bear clan then

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I'd like to work with metal call them that's what I want to college for there's metal way yeah we would and

40:44

that's if we hit it look like this will cure them whatever the cafe said yes I'm

40:50

really just Oh although lots about them

40:56

ah okay that's very cute hold on towards the counter we go yeah yeah there's

41:01

another one in there with it with the cat faces of the private County boys there's a place on does it have a favor

41:08

I don't mind I've always liked that that would yeah what does that hold that one

41:14

it my wife calls it a monkey it's a

41:21

monkey oh yeah she pointed to come over the face of the camera who is it yeah that's a monkey okay this is not to show

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off like any my working thing I don't mean it that way go that very seven we

41:35

find these in a museum or anything like that because they deteriorate you could lay this on the ground

41:40

probably a year's time whether to be begun and do you get satisfaction from

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making these artifacts I'm like everything that anything we

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ever had he's never seen a museum I can make

42:01

first my grandmother's on her life and this this one here I just had a time

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with a peon decorating I don't know what they're

42:22

supposed to be white gonna Halloween fine I'll go well there's another my

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grandmother's knives or for things oh yeah I didn't think take one or two of those things you know look this was

42:45

my here I don't know how in the world but what made that I mean I'm gonna

42:50

hidden and cut it out I don't know what this was before it was kind of longer

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longer piece but I think this probably they hid those old hitch locks they had

43:02

a buckle and then they had a lock and I think I think my grande probably pushed

43:08

that down to keep the door shut I don't really know I didn't even ask on that

43:13

board and I bought with some other stuff let me change this rather you know with

43:19

all these artifacts but we changed the conversation of it towards the issue that you've been interested in a federal

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law and the making of Indian artifacts at this point and what federal on talk

43:32

talk about that issue what what happened and then why it happened

43:38

this most people especially out in west of the pueblos and those people out

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there when they would spend six months trying to tried to them

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that's a chicken leg bones I thought that was involved well the people out

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there I'm kind of still silverwares you know to make a living for that and it's

44:06

protected by by the government you have to be Native American and so the people

44:12

that are not what India cannot make

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stuff like this they can make stuff like this but if they sell they say it's one

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Indian mate and that protects us like so you wouldn't be considered as like

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Indian artifacts these are actually in order there it is but that like you have

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to be either state or federal

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recognition not the recognition to sell as in your Indian art or you have to do

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you have to be state recognized or federally recognized or just say all of

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us here is a tribe and this guy over here is a good artist and he's a good

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guy and we think well give you permission to make these things as long

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as you you got the permission from from an Indian tribe and then you can do that

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but this has been I know a big controversial issue I've got letters on

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from some of the Oklahoma papers about people who are legitimately legitimately
45:29
Indian but because of their non-recognition status then aren't able
45:35
to sell sell their artifacts yeah the chicken leg and then many
45:41
things so I had to clean all of the inside of these out and that that's good
45:48
date and then the car drove this handle that so it'll fit snugly in the handle here
45:54
and this and these things just come into line design no you just as a life I use
46:04
ballpoint pen things over there I've got
46:12
several of those are you still making these have we ever sold any of your
46:23
Indian artifacts well I'm like a lot of
46:28
jewelry that's all you need to show us a get out some ug salt until if I have to
46:33
ug so I think well my dad's gonna give us give us goose trap producer yeah this
46:40
is actually sulky and we never lady you're not trying to make these little
46:46
bags and hold it up with fishing or whatever facing the camera anyway they
46:52
didn't have a drawstring but she made these little bags and unfortunately the
46:58
salt that we make they're so tiny that it would not easily but leak through
47:04
these little bags so we put a plastic
47:09
bag on the inside of these things and put the salt in it and then put the plastic bag down inside
here that's not
47:14
green how do we get this where'd he get this year's you sort assault okay
47:20
we go under under taverns in softball Rosario in
47:25
to go down into the cabbage and get water and bring it back and then then
47:32
bow at them and it turns out to a little plastic bag before so and again I'm
47:38
going to add a footnote that that is over the period of history mmm when the Louisa Menendez
the UGA
47:48

theater from salt mill remarried a Spanish soldier when she went back to
47:54
st. Augustine 40 years later and gave her testimony she said that the he came
48:02
from a place where they made salt just like this my method using fire which the
48:08
Yugi still do today is a demonstration in sulfur there you wrap up the session
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and the members every minute you should
48:28
smoke that was also the artifacts that
48:37
you think and it's very interesting to see that you know like for example this
48:45
one this is like Indian artifact like mixture with like two new sanctuary object and this the
wooden part is like
48:53
native traditions like yeah I see is really interesting to see this mixture of like both like angle
49:00
and they destroyed it so that's it placement on Sunday so we have we have a
49:06
lot more to talk about and we'll be back for our third session children thank you
49:11
thank you thank you to flee

Jim Glanville - Chief Lee Interview Part 3 - Transcript

Introduction

0:10
hi Joe Glavin again this is session 3 we are at the wise in and wise with Jen I'm
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Jim gravel on my left is McKenna on her left is chiefly vest and we're going to
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continue with our oral history of chiefly end of the year eminent UT nation we go alright so for
this section

Tribal Membership

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session they would like to ask you about about the tribal memberships meetings

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and about UT language so this will be about the tribal mechanics so my first question to you is currently how many

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people are in your tribe well our last count we get I would say this number of

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around 700 about 700 people so um you mentioned about like blood-quantum

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earlier until it's more about that do you think blood-quantum is an important factor to determine who

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is and who is not in the EU well I think not necessary but the good quantum has

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to do that but also if somebody school

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finances they they have you Chi blood in them and but if the person just wants to

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be there in name only and never come to help the tribe and it we want people to come into the tribe that are all related

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to us and somebody that will perpetuate

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how the things that we're trying to receive when today from now on we want this to live on they

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want people to learn we get travel means once a month and we have a special means

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time to time visit this we don't want this to be like a club you know it says

2:03

it has to do with who we are you know we've been being here navigating a

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different Indian blood in me yuichi does the council become involved in new

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members the Tribal Council but final council looks at the brochures

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that with membership saying that we give out but were kind of one of our head

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council people was very very not many around you a little know we did they go

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to fill out the application and that application goes to the Tribal Council

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okay in the tribal council that's the resource on that particular application

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and then they burn and then the that

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happens to be Roselle Taylor she looks things over and she'll sit at the bottom

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of page it's it's okay nothing systems that we're not

3:13

or something they're Indians during

Travel Meetings

3:19

garret on travel meetings you say that you have active travel meetings once a month what are their things what other

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things do you discussing those traveling meetings other things but things like

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this percentage was tribal he was sending out were coming down here for this and we discuss new members we

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discuss projects like one of the things we're doing right now is I got a letter

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from from the Department of finances in

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Tennessee that lasts for the last few years always receiving grants stuff was

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\$30,000 a year but they moved it up to \$9,000 a year and we've got a program

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that what we're doing now is we do it we like schools we like hospitals and so

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we've got a team that composes the three ladies in our tribe and in May

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we're soliciting donations from like Tennessee easement for example and some

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of the food stores some of the food companies who they're gonna make a lot of foods if we need food for certain

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occasions like trouble means or something like that and but the home office will actually give us money which

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is the money and we need that so Jim can keep his hands out of his pockets and no

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I don't have a paper of his life and a new also do education programs about

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Indian lore and early making Indian objects for those beds of things right

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Cindy night right the other day and we found it in one of our tribal members so who was a Orion

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for the VA hospital she's very much aware of this program but what we do

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with these programs is it's designed for for the the people that were there this

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were like for children for example millions we just did dances and and they

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were invited in to do their different things for the tribal stuff they'll ever learn to dance and some of our

5:42

traditional dances and things like that and then that's all free because we have

5:48

donations from these big corporations who give us money to travel with but we have right now it wouldn't you know

5:55

having that money yet I'm working I hope some another pick it was three women out

6:02

there knocking on doors trying to get us some money but ninety thousand dollars big I mean that's \$60,000 more more than

6:11

we could get last year I'm so hurt about you I'm going to was the warrior spoke

Native Stories

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and then you have like talked about like native stories to children

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we're still doing that huh we've got a new pork manager over there

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and I've been on the board of directors for the boys back port for a while and I was an office last year or two years ago

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and I've been replaced and of course I

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still help out whatever I can anyway the the waters back pork has a

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cleanup society that it's unfortunate

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that we have this beautiful part you know and a lot of people go in there and they said there's hot dog wrappers down

7:07

and they're code found stuff and somebody's gotta clean all that up and we do it every day by

7:14

day to day but we have a gathering and

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not just our tribe that they were a part of it but the community itself comes in there and each the group of people have

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a certain things they like to do and [Music] that's it's a it's a playground and what

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about a narc traveling but what about people who work for waters passport

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[Music] passed away in heat before he did he

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kept saying we need to have a park here not desperately of those but for the children so they solicited money I know

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around Kingsport Dawson City area and got enough money there we go a park for

8:01

children I mean there's swings and there's there's all kinds of things than that for children today and so we're a

8:08

community oriented and it's not just about us all the time but we do we do a lot of free stuff but it was only the

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time where you have a shortage is it I guess if a certain person just table

8:20

head and faithful a lot of things we couldn't come down here today and then

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we your community was like the data we

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go through the through the trails and elusive things and I pick up the garbage beer cans we wouldn't bleed the beer cans that

8:38

people who'd stolen down there and I'm glad I got plastic bottles now let's

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thank the people who stepped a Coke and Pepsi by that's my son against rocks and you got all these pieces of glass if

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somebody's gonna get hurt on that glass so you know we're very community there

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we do a lot of stuff and there's a but anybody can come and help if you back in town

9:04

[Music]

9:10

doing something so that those children that work very much children oriented and then say something about the prayers

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that you do with the tribal meetings and say something about the food that you do it the tribal meetings well further miss

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dr. the last question first at the food I eat it so what happens on that the

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women are everybody for example Cindy goes to the Saints she goes in and she

9:42

buys food before the tribal meeting and

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each family brings food there and we all share it we have a table maybe as long

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as this and have the food there and after we eat and we get into a business

10:02

thing and we have a lot of clan it's not a little dull like business meeting but

10:08

keeping it's like next our tribal meeting is normally the second Sunday

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and every month and that's every something silent

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outside they're coming after me I thought we were community what it was

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we're not there this to take they can give give give though people that make donations to us and talk about the frame

10:41

which is done oh that's a prayer okay when we pray this is a traditional thing

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to you to people first of all we we think that we know we created by

10:53

Heavenly Father and the son the son we

11:02

didn't have any formal word so it was probably lived on the Sun so

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we'll be played with a cup of the Sun and you go okay suppose if we die anyway

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we pray to the Sun and we just look up and we have twenty ceremony that we get

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a bucket of water and usually years and years ago we had woven baskets or

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something like that that they're waterproof two women could weave those things so close together that you put

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water in it and shut it down and we later go back get water still in there it's just a liquid Sun and oh yeah we

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doing that well in the plant when we

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look up and contrite yeah okay oh I do

Tribal Meetings

12:04

want to ask them about more about the tribal meetings so first a location that

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you meet with everyone we meet we've got

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two special shelters different bays mountain in the shelter cleanest number number nine that first was number nine

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on number eight Cindy was negative then number two in reserve it took from like

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9:00 in the morning till 4:00 a.m. today and we're required of course to cancel

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out if we're not gonna be there but the reason we did the second Sunday never money instead our tribal roles things

12:44

was done ii ii ii ii sunday in two months in 1857 and so it's with

12:51

traditional time I didn't know that I thought that's why the second question

12:57

but anyway Jim there was much of probably as much about the tribes are they living it's not it's not like it's

13:04

a seven hundred people it's one family

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now you you've been with me you know you

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and Jim we went to I've been to quite a few yeah yeah now one thing we do to

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raise money and it's it's legal for still but we have a 50/50 drawing I have

13:33

these ticket stub and if you buy ten tickets that means you have ten chances to win every bit the money that's in the

13:40

thing and thank goodness Jim usually gets okay I want to hear more about the

Community Work

13:55

works works that you do that you're trying to do for the community and you

14:01

mentioned that um your works are very like community community base and that

14:07

you work a lot with them children so I would like to know do you have you ever

14:12

go on the schools that talk about go to

14:19

school of my political mentor II middle school high schools and they talk about they were going to colleges well I got

14:29

tell here's been about two years ago this girl from University of Indiana did

14:36

you put down to her I think a row like

14:42

she was to be an archaeologist and I don't know if you get a degree in

14:47

archaeology or not like that Indiana by doing then

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she young professor up there sent her a bound there's a gap that collected all

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this Indian stuff I think he corresponding with her because they fester up there but anyway

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they expected the big steps it's like you know in case boy there's a big

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restaurant it's got a does a 12-foot Indian you're right and they breed their dad that he hit it

15:18

just once whether it is he's got a woman at home hey it's okay we have one woman

15:30

going through the woods hey there was all those feathers sticking out the we run to the woods
and next thing you know you're - way back there somewhere let me

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let me have a mere footnote to that as well I've got a quite a quite a few travel meetings and and
it's it's very

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interesting because one of the rows of chiefly players he's he's very much akin

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to the minister to the tribe and many of the folks in the tribe bring personal

16:02

issues and matters of their personal concern to chiefly so I know that over

16:09

the years chiefly has spent an awful lot of time giving good and wise counsel to

16:15

tribal members that's having porta pottis very important part of your role as

16:20

chief of the tribe have you been a blessing Kevin's with us yes okay yeah

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Roger Houston he calls himself the character Kyle if he owns that care and he calls himself

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to tear tighter yeah and there is an ancient document an

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ancient council room in that that camera

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yeah it's it's proven it yeah and again another footnote this is something which

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bridges many centuries as I spoke in other places the American

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Indians when they came to this part of the country they began to go underground

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and take that read you into cabins and there's a long historical record of

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being relics in this region of the country coming from underground caves and so I was there at one time its chief

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Lea it was a sort of a very nice closing event to be back doing Indian religion

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on the ground five hundred years after it Pete we've had phone for people to

17:31

come there you know I can't think that there's what country they were from

17:36

right now but they had a whole lot of the same rituals that we did from New

17:46

Zealand there's a museum barring people yeah the more that's right yeah well they told us in advance not that those

17:54

people but one of their people from New

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Zealand had came in about three days before would say we've got a situation

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that it's a traditional traditional saying honour for for these people and

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we will let you know what this is and let me know if you want to do this or don't want to do it and I said well

18:21

what's the traditional thing well when he gonna put our heads together and I breathe your breath you breathe my

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breath and then you just push it was an

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experience but we did you know we did that and anyway then we did some other

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ceremonies and they came to me separately

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twist there's a lot em they said we can't believe this similar yoga stay that's our money - yes the same thing is

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and they haven't been back yet but he'll have been two years ago but they hit

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some guys and he was really our honor to touch foreheads with the other person

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and you just you breathe each other's prayers and that's just that it's not

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our tradition but that was their tradition now when we consent you know to to hope women it'll have a hub man we

19:22
they left like any takers like from Gemini so we take this hand
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and these or this plan whether
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hands like women we don't get in this
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area I think it was cities but we do a
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lot of her and now when we passed he said like on a trailer like that it's attorneys coming this
way and I'm going
20:09
this way I get on this side so our hearts will pass another
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or it on this side before it means that he's upset about something no that
20:23
means it was a joke Bess but her heart has a lot to do with with a lot of programs that we do I
wish
20:33
I had brought some more things down to I'd have a teepee be a building thing
20:41
what a lot of people think we lived in teepees and that we didn't live in
20:46
teepees anyway have you had him
20:53
blindfolded blindfolded have him built the teepee down there and you've got Pierre bill teepee
20:58
it's a funny game I'm not going to take the rest of this that's a hilarious thing and most of men
think that they
21:04
they can build a better TV than the women but they the way we do it they
21:11
can't I do I'm asking about the UT

Uchi Language

21:19
language so what is the history of your tribal people speaking youichi and who
21:24
speaks made of ug language right now ok the the group of people that went to
21:30
Oklahoma with the Trail of Tears with the Creek Indian people there is a
21:37
couple people there that is teaching the youichi language now it's a man his
21:44

daughter but there's some controversy going on out there I don't want the winton but the number of natural ug

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speakers is down to well less than 10 it may there be 35 and part of them I don't

22:01

know yeah and here usually in the East walk

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table who lives in Tennessee speaks some YouTube and I recall

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with sandbars incredibly so all right now but samurais had a grandmother who

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lived in two Gate City and Sam remembers from around 1900 when she was young she

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would speak UT Institute - - Sam that's the last record I found of ug w g

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language being spoken in this region but this almost I don't say all the nice

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people homer under this pressure is for them to

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to thrive they need to speak English and so therefore they became not I had a guy

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call me the other day he was I don't want to mention this the senators name but this senator was trying to help us

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business there and his ain't used to be

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a math teacher at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and we grew up speaking

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Lakota Sioux that was my first language I'm I've ever seen and anyway he was out

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there and he speaks perfect because the city it was a math teacher and anyway

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he's a h's to this senator now our caucus actually a congressman Sheree and

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we're trying to to teach our children you know in our adults DiNucci language

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and it's very very difficult now I grew up have the the even the Monica unions

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and which is in Lynchburg in that area

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they some of those people who speak see

24:01

did your grandfather speak any Indian we

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must establish spoke English do so because there's very few people that that did bit about the ichi language and

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when I teach the sound manner sort of tribal members to say more about that

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yeah eh you have your teaching of it well some of some of the things it's just like a like I said I'm leaving now

24:34

honey I'm going where I go that's just one of you just do this thing and this

24:43

is sticks example disease hold a stick in hand you do like that that means to break isn't this a mistake looks like

24:49

this take a break and to do this that

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means I'm angry those like saying and

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then this straight up a hit that means everything is level with my heart I'm good and this means a long time now the

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further up your arm you go the longer it was like it's like this you say did you

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eat did you eat lately there is a seat but I guess this means question the question

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then you force your whole hand you ate and then like this that's actually a

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long time I've had breakfast but haven't had lunch shift I mean then get up here to the suburbs

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did it did any of sign language this is just my guest the Indian sign language

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evolved because there were so many historically there was so many Indian tribes who could not speak one another

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language but they could communicate if it started it started with the trading for which when we traded we that and

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that the you cheese but almost all the other language but what we did we went

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from the Tennessee's the Virginia area north and went from there all the way to

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the west coast and we had that with you know there's different tribes to know and we couldn't learn I was wrong

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somebody couldn't learn but they didn't learn and so that's what the sign language came in you know like go

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this is hide I'm not an animal how about that - see what - hi from the columnist

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and we didn't have a time for American time did have a work for time we didn't

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have clocks and watches something like it was just then we get back the sign for the moon and that is the moon but

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this opened up big for the greater coming there that's the Sun like this

27:02

this is okay like me see you tonight like it

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let me see you don't sound like this and

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I've forgotten how many how many things are let me tell you a story about

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relates it one time I went to Charleston West Virginia to do a program and kicked

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out you may have even been there but they had all these Japanese students and they were all arrested like they going

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to fight blouses and black pants or something like that and they were in spirit when I was talking to him and

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they didn't understand a word I say it I thought they because I didn't and you know I thought they would understand what I

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was saying and finally this girl came over told me she said and I was giving away stuff there for them to hear for

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schooling and then she said do this you know what that means it's free anyway I

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was helping them hey come here don't bother cypher how about button have this stuff like it's a long-standing thing

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you're saying just tell me free that was in trouble

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yeah go ahead we need to move alone okay it's just a lot of one more question

Sign Language

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about the eg language and the sign language so good who taught you that's the sign language look with it where are

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the building my mom did it my dad did it my granddaddy did it it

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was part of your family growing up and boy and it's something that the current

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tribal members also know and do you teach deep-ass Valley well some of the

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people are very encouraged by learning and some people not and what we want to

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do like this is our area that's a salt and pepper shaker so we put salt salt

29:04

shaker Depok salt in the new chief language there so they look at that and say oh it's salt so you need different

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different different things like a picture on the wall a waterfall put in

29:18

say say a little bit about that I know that some of your tribal members are

29:23

very interested in native plants and traditional medicines so say something

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about native plants and traditional medicines I was going to bring some some plants and some of them it's like Moe

Plants

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and on if you know that is a great healing plant and we

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have like a second name to the English

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name for this plant yeah where there's a plant that has all these little seeds

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has stem so it has all these little seeds on it they grow in urology and the

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way the Heavenly Father creates things he he had those seeds come out about two

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weeks before the mosquitos come out and you take those seeds you break it off

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break it off now the seizures blowing this way so you have to come up here on top of it and push it down like that and

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get those fees off if you meet those seeds and mosquitoes won't bother you not as well because it has a foul odor

30:31

to them but you can't detect just you sweat it out or whatever that's a plankton this is plankton plant

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and we have the wild cherry bark we make it a drink out of law cherry water and

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my fact while cheery we have in our

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plant system and our family systems we have priests different people at three
31:01
my happens to be the cherry tree and we got a big monster cherry tree behind our
31:06
house something that fans 420 some feet tall and anyway I get the bark I need

Ankle sprain

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for that for there and I was warned by
31:20
my grand a long time ago that you have to be a licensed medical doctor before
31:26
you can treat somebody with this stuff because your practice of medicine and you you're not
authorized to practice
31:34
listen even though even though you're doing the healing person but you know we
31:40
don't I don't mind telling people with these things but it's for a few sprained right and there's a
there's a
31:47
her big fat least called Mullin but you
31:54
take that Mullin put your foot in the bathtub or took like if I could sprain
32:00
your ankle when I was in the eighth grade I left to playing basketball I
32:07
don't have to lock the pass down somebody threw it not and I jumped and I landed on my ankle
and twisted it and I
32:14
probably caught it got killed me well after the game this was a game during the school school I
had to walk wasn't
32:22
full of counting the bus took me to a certain area into the two-mile walk from there to to my
house and I was limping
32:32
and went by my my friend at his sister's house and her name was Tempe and camping
32:39
she was a medicine man there shooting with all these plants and she said Lisa
32:45
- are you hurt I must told her what happened she said come up here on the porch and she said fix
it so you walk
32:52
the best way home well she went in and she had some bone dry and she had a big dish pan or
32:59
something like that and she she put a towel over my foot and put that but those legs over my foot

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first and my mind will certainly ever step up I took it was killing me and we

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put them on and wrapped my foot in a towel and head forward bulletins in ago and about 15 minutes

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later my ankle was brand new I mean just it just just he's like you

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got a black eye and put the patch over your eye not inside your eye but put it on there I'll get in about 15 minutes

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it's gone if I'd known earlier klappas

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he had back then signed him up in the head chief

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well that's a good note to end the session and we'll we'll be back again with session for later

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Thank You chief Lee places

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we're at the was in in West Virginia this is the fourth and the final session

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of the injury interview by me Kenda and by medium glamour of a chiefly Vasanth

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you know and helps and so Micah's question was Helen Helen it would help

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case for the answer is that it would ultimately bring money into the king's boy economy tourism but we know this

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will fact Allen publicist when he was the army he was stationed in Germany and

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of course I wasn't in Germany I was in the Marines but anyway he said that the

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German people wash up any American any people they said a matter of fact I've

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looked this up the German people even pretend to be us later they teepees and

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and they dress like like we have ribbon shirts and other things when they come

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over here instead of going to Cherokee no fly to a casino Bristol Virginia to
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casino they hung out people like us because they wanted to come in there and learn more about
so obviously looking
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ahead we might get German tourism coming to Juarez State Park for them yeah yeah
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since Juarez path State mascot yeah yeah so the whole lot more for us potentially
1:37
yeah to have these these things and plus the federal government then what helped
1:42
I think we're a poor tribe yeah and and let me come by one of course I
1:50
appreciate all this and want to try to do well my personal nurse is much more
1:55
that there's this whole story history an important historical story which which
2:01
we don't we miss out on because the UT tribe is not recognized and therefore as
2:07
a whole piece of history of the history Spanish American history which gets missed
2:12
yeah let's say we don't really know we just know the programs are out there right
2:18
we and this friend of ours only meant to his name
2:23
his initials HC right he he's been doing
2:29
this program with with the unions in Utah yeah for several years and he is
2:36
some very personal he's a very wealthy man yeah no I don't think there's any questions isn't this
nice - Mike meek is
2:44
gonna go on and ask you nail that other aspects yes so next I'm gonna ask about
2:49
the clan system of you're trying new clothes like clan system oh no it
3:00
doesn't mean family but but the plants are plants are the family I'm the same
3:09
everybody in the thinnies clan is related to her than women and you cannot
3:15
marry inside your plan okay because it'll be incestuous yeah how do you kind of marry inside
your plan okay so he has
3:23
to be outside and how many clans don't have we have like eight but they are do
3:30
you need them okay we've got the bear which I this city the Wolf Clan hood

3:43

what's a clan mother the clay mother is the mother of all my other very eventful

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isn't even in the field ninety years old and she's 15 she steal your mother do

3:56

you do you do what she says so she's kind of the mother in the sense of a mother being a leader not literally ever

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a mother being a parent no so bear the

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wolf and you're going from a bigger animal to a smaller animal well it's a

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bear deer Hulk Fox wolf can remove a fever baby podcast

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that's how we so they're all all the tribes are named after animals or the

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clams yeah we had 20 the Yuchi had 22 clans yes at one time because they were

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scattered they're not we won't have this many clans now because we don't have

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that many tribal members but there's what the Cherokees have hair that's one

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of their clans his hair if they have it okay so your tribe is named after animal

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know your clan your plan oh well I mean

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and so G also mrs. Cindy is a Wolf Clan

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and remove both and the mother of the glad you say that was that the head so

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each clan has a mother and they are they

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all females okay so they're in charge of each plans and on the other hand we have

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a look like a warrior society which we don't really have a water Society but without war thing like that we have a we

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have people that we we know that we fill these swatches you know immediately if

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something that happened and we need to have a war yesterday that's all the

5:48

professional design but this right here it's an old old Christian traditional thing but that's absolutely

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Shirley's man and you also I think you also mentioned that the way you remember

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these morning's I don't he's down there better lawyer they you

6:05

remember from the largest and animal refers to the smaller kid what to the

6:10

smallest yes that's it's the way my mind but I may be a pretty efficient now with

6:17

bear and deer Unleashed thing like this it's not another law but I would never

6:27

kill a bear to eat or anything like that and with the deer no silly in these

6:38

animals we we hunt but we try to pick

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out the black protesters in a deer language if we saw ones crippled or something like that instead of a healthy

6:53

deer we were taking the ones crippled because it's probably suffering and stuff like that so we don't we don't

6:59

kill this to meet you and then then we leave with the animal follows we leave an offering they would

7:06

carry a little little bag with like that salt stuff it's a bouquet there and blessed down and that's asked that

7:14

animal to forgive us we pretty nice and forgive us for taking on life inside that back but what is inside that

7:22

back so if you're on your own medicine whatever here these are medicines about how I say best I don't mean like Tylenol

7:27

or aspirin did he like plants plants and

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how I was gonna bring some things up here and then tell us more about the

7:40

role of these g-woman vision well some of this a woman actually homes

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like we have a house something that is hers he built it kind of a man building

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so that and she's the mother of the children there of course and it's like

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shitty bringing up the sign about that long ago it's that's her job to do stuff

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like that and we have to take care of it

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but anyway and you cannot marry inside your own clan like it's you now in the

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bear clan we couldn't be married because you'd be my sister and so forth

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[Music] yeah well I the I mean return to an

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earlier topic with more questions one of the things that we're putting on the

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record here today which relates the Floyd County in Virginia is that there

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is very little recorded history of American Indians in Forth County and as

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we heard in session 1 section 2 there were a large number of Indian do write

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families and so thanks to chief Lee have some other sources I've got some names

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of folks families who lived in Floyd County and had Indian connections and

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I'm going to ask chief Lee a button run down a list of these names and see what

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chiefly can tell us what he remembers about any of these Floyd County families

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so this is more contribution to Floyd County history rather than to to ug

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history there is a contribution to Indian history so what I'm going to do is tell you some names of families and

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maybe you'll be able to remember something about it whether you went to school with them or what they did for

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living or how they worked and if you don't know about them then you can't say about him but

tell us tell us what you

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know so I've told the delight family Li gh T the light family in Floyd County

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heavy and very closely related than enough fact my my granddaddy yes sister

10:06

it wasn't light or they can't be like tippy other Debbie like okay if you like

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I suppose she she probably died when she

10:18

was 87 years old maybe I wish you wish it was classified itself

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as a move Monica I don't really know goes back to the

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Virginia people hope you change Cano was on top so she thought of herself as a

10:38

coastal Virginia that's what my family is okay then we there was a husband also

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named you know just her her husband his name was Henry Henry like Diaz's he was the sheriff of Floyd County Sheriff he

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never had a driver's license well that's it I remember one time the roads were

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real Mara and my mom was born out in her car and he was coming in and his thing

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and he told Sarah he says you're gonna have to back up mr. vanayya

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I can't back that but she said he came back that he said no he said never to learn how she said you never learn

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anything though he said I just know how to go forward and he was a sheriff and he was a huge on a horse no isn't in a

11:28

car oh no he didn't have a driving license

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he got stopped in the time before leverage Clark was one of those Rangers yes and he was doing his fangs were

11:46

stopping and said it and they say your driver's license in Oakland they said well I'm the sheriff of Floyd County and

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he said yes it will make a difference I don't see your driver's license he said

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I don't have one he said how come you never had one so I didn't need one until right now family story so I guess it was

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kind of that so that's an excellent stuff okay then the next name on my list

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is the is the name of brown what can you tell us about the Brown family they Indians yeah

12:19

they Damon I felt the amo envy or something like this ours right right

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he was from West Virginia he was but he

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married my dad's sister Esther yeah so

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he became out who's your he was on your uncle by marriage mmm yeah and most of the times when an

12:47

outsider married one of the women they by law they had to come to our tribe oh

12:54

we had to go I would have to go to my wife's drive what did he do Brown for a

13:05

little living don't share the same he business man and he sold wife insurance

13:12

uh-huh as one of things do the real estate agent a builder for us was that

13:19

do it a prosperous man yes yes I did he embrace his Indian heritage he came to

13:28

my grandma's house this whenever he could so much and he liked to hunt and

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he liked that part of it but yeah well you know he loved

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[Music] what we did okay so you're like being in

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the Indian environment in Floyd County yeah horribly he died probably when he's I'm just guessing he's 50 years old okay

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so the next family name on my list is the link found at the Lincoln family

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okay now they were related to my granddad's

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sister Tammy and when I hurt children they had about four sets of twins and

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one of them married a link okay I also

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think there was another another family was linking it with Demand Lincoln Indian himself or not I don't know which

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one well her daughter married a man that was a close the man right

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he actually one person in the cold rain

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tempie to run my days daddy's sisters that we cover and

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keeping that's what we call it but she

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married him because they didn't have a driver's license did anyone and he

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always had to get back up on the one way things he said you had to back up my fan and he was the sheriff if he's chasing

15:06

somebody's gonna learn to get around that car and that makes me think I know

15:12

the story one time that my granddad had a team of horses two horses pulling a

15:17

wagon yes and going somewheres going down this this mountain and another guy

15:23

was coming up and they made on this real steep hill and Brandon said there's

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gonna wag and something got a got a wagon well there's not enough room to pass you know what the hell they solved

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the problem they took the wagon that had

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the least amount of weight on it and they they took the wheels off the wagon so they picked that Sam and they carried

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it moved it to another place and another write him around so took about a half something this yeah

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and like Grand alias daddy Troy yes I

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think I told you already nothing you mentioned a man killed all these new kind of my place amazing next

16:08

the next family name on my list Nichols well I was in school with the yeah he

16:14

was Indian his last name was Nicholas I think his name was Burton Burton nipples I'm not really sure about the birth of

16:21

the first one so you and so you were about the same age and do you know what

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happened doing one of it now when we moved I had no so you lost track with him for many years we weren't real close

16:34

friends with his classmates yeah at school how about the Saint family over the dozens of family

16:40

chocolate chocolate okay Marie chocolate spotlight chocolate or okay John tell us

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about ray you're said ray Chapman Marie Marie tell us about where each

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chocolate thanks to the beautiful little girl she had dark hair dark skin and we

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were in the same class we hit my aunt was our teacher goes up 30 with two of

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my hands were reversed and their teachers and then we had another girl

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and when they can't remember her device sang her first whose language family and

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it was an Indian and she told me especially said that that's an Indian name only I spell it Hammond II and do

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you remember or do you know anything about either Marie chocolate or Anthony

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in later life a new Marie brother he he was the in want his job

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was to go around these gas stations and he'd take

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a jar or thing that and he would put gas

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in that gallon toy and I better it better when he pup said window and it'll be \$1 what the guys in here so he was a

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state employee made checking up on the validity of gas pumps selling book and

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it was it would do you remember him being a embracing or not embracing being

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I hate I don't know if he's he was very light skinned yeah very light scanning

18:22

the real short kinky kinky hair and so I don't know if he was her brother Bob her

18:31

dance or he had his own data but he didn't look like them at all yeah how about how about family by the name of

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bored Bo AR D okay this guy came very

18:45

wealthy from school you know whose go they were how did you know him well he

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was a senior when that was the race and he drove he would run the school bus okay now that was after succumbing later

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on that was good he he owned the house went for sale he bought it and become

19:04

very wealthy was he in real estate or just he'd like to buy houses well I don't know if they

19:12

said no said I didn't knowing that well there's no took my hand told me that he did he said he understood county

19:21

jet-black hair up like eyes and they gather said question did he embrace

19:27

being an Indian TV well I just knew him as the bus driver yeah I think that okay

19:36

and how about the family by the name of Willis I know there's a town on the main

19:42

drag through foreign County there's a tab called Willis Willis it's kind of

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lumped the way I know these people grew well as this his name was Ross ro SS

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Ross was he married Bonnie vest and so we were later that

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way okay I was born and related to you the best and how how was Barney related

20:09

to you I'm really sure don't really like that she was part of the best Batman oh yeah okay her dad was oddly the best

20:16

they'll be naughty never danced and had about Ross worse did he like being an Indian oh uh he's

20:23

never talked about Ohio he here and look that little thought I had picture

20:29

okay recessions wave is our idea yeah well no it built that building he grew

20:37

up before himself I think and then Ross married Bonnie you know

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Bonnie's daddy they're down below this for the color spring household there's a

20:50

little waterfall like that in a big old pull the waters a good place to fish well I'm down these rocks to get down

20:56

and you know I don't know how what about about who they are now Houston they had a son in Houston

21:05

knows yes and he in the getting married he was over than they

21:12

he was there with my granny ripped all those points oh okay in front that stuff

21:18

yeah but you spoke about know it yeah you know so my granddad always and he broke the Brooklyn stones he told me

21:24

said don't you ever do that but he said the reason he said those are not real yeah I the next family is car ca right

21:32

okay I think this was essentially the

21:38

beautiful beautiful lady I can't think of her name right now but she's that she

21:44

lives about 200 yards down the road from Ross closest store okay that puts by his

21:52

daddy's when own that store I don't know one thing he's the one that built it

21:58

place anyway so I don't know a whole lot about them they never came up to her

22:04

house so they were not particularly active as Indians they recently they

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didn't have a car and say about the the

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meetings he had mentioned privately earlier that members of real family and

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other Indians had regular we had meetings in Floyd County no yeah come in

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say it's a little bit about that it who would have gone most of the people that came up on weekends with children's

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mother and a grandmother they did and wherever they where would you all meet at the farm at the farm okay the five

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thousand acres well well that whole area that we we met the house I'm just guessing that by that

22:58

we own the my granny on the water on him and Bernhard run investor

23:04

250 acres or somewhere here father head of cattle there's a dirty man and

23:09

what would happen at these these weekend meetings that's the thing that all of us

23:14

kids would play together okay they're having a creeper it's up like that and then I deferred oh gosh but tables big

23:23

as this was all kinds of food on them and nobody bought could we please from

23:29

stores it was old world and home raised could have had elbows when the alcohol

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those seconds times when I put something there my dad let's take a drink I mean

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like I found his bottle I think I think they call it Jen then but they plug the

23:57

watermelon sick that's right the man I took that bottling out there I took it

24:03

plug out and poured the gin down in that watermelon put the plug back and hit the

24:08

bottle and people they don't start eating that watermelon and then they put

24:15

every that didn't like that tasted through the Rye now will I was stand up

24:22

there watching them I drank anything well the rooster got into that stuff but he come around sell the house his way

24:37

you how old were you when this happened yeah

24:43

it was so funny announcer selfies wings out okay I got a cover what come on

24:52

water fair mr. Oscar how about the fella named to Smith well I don't think he

24:57

wasn't really related to us but he lived down the life close to the Kerry car and

25:03

was he in it was he Indian to Smith he may have been I don't know but he I think he was a person didn't have

25:10

anybody else oh then the pause poff that made me think of something else oh good

25:17

his name was Allan Allan Poe now Otto wao I just always think was oh wao

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Fenderson that's why I'm calling him Alpo see I can't remember his first name

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but he had a son Jack Paul and he committed suicide he shot himself he

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never bothered watching anything with a big dobro and he had lady problems in

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the Minnesota side did either the puffs knowledge their Indian Miss Elaine well

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exactly how did he have any jack manifest that he would come over from BB

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heavy foods and stuff like that so so when you had the Indian gatherings he would come enjoy again and he did a lot of handiwork for

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people's I thought he made his living good we had a big old swamp it had small

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shoe McGinnis this is a plant and it was taking over

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there were things my dad hired him to cut all that stuff out in the Jack met

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some ladies up there and they were item for a while and then I think she found

26:33

somebody else them. he Jack been another Bennett so he woke up the woods pulled her through the night when he hears it

26:40

and then they the final family have on the list is the grand family what's up

26:45

with the teeth Smith the Smith gather the grandson want to keep that to dismiss but he lived the family ah so he

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just kind of a bordo larger with I think he didn't have a home and they took him in I don't even know if he was Indian or

27:01

not but whether but the Grahams Indian and how did they manifest their any

27:08

illness how did they show that they were Indians and well they hid the thing the

27:15

same way we lived they they raised all their crops and they were very helpful

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people they would volunteer to go could hate for people which was a community

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thing we took care of each other and very very you know this is this is I

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think all very interesting and in addition to his regret ever difficult to find this kind of information we're

27:42

gonna work with other Floyd County historians to try for this to yeah I don't know a lot of people if

27:48

they're never sure that the lady that since your picture that's done yeah if

27:57

people move it in now yeah yeah all the time sure and do you still have a strong desire to go back to Fort County and

28:04

investigator city woman unlike the country soon he doesn't what she doesn't

28:11

like the country I mean why not oh you

28:20

did oh I thought yeah no I think it might be fine enough we three could

28:26

could get together in local historians it would be you know important to to

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continue telling the story and do more all right history in Floyd cabbages I think it's a as I said oh yeah maybe in

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the first session that point happened to formal American Indian history in Floyd County is almost entirely absent and and

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yet just sitting here hearing here you talk about it you know that there was a significant American Indian history

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there well a lot of these people I don't

28:58

know if they were same to being Indian a not saying that was wrong but they very

29:03

seldom would brag about it yeah well I I've written a spoken but

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you know my sense is that it was a lot like the Melungeons that was fine to be

29:17

in the community but when you went away from the community even down to town

29:24

then there was always a sense of discrimination that that you were

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separate and Iceland and so that they did not want to integrate too much with local people good luck boss I still

29:37

tell there was any people in the area because a weapon it was sweet to be cut with a Barnaby put up

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something like that he saw about 15 min out there you knew that they were shows

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very communal no very cooperative said my granddad when he got up in age I used

29:59

to hand cut his his hay was ammo inside and then I snuck up like a haystack I've

30:06

never seen I've seen a little haystacks a big pogo stick up through the middle right he said I made the widest shock of

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hay here and seen his life with a delete half as big as this ring and you had to trap it you had a coconut on the ground

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and you have to it down and here so we wouldn't blow away and

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it's pretty hard job in Wheatland which cut hay by hand for the moment sighs and

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I'd do that and then would have to break it up and he wouldn't use his horses to

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do the internet where he said it's too hard on the horses with her behalf of

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the people yeah so we have what we call shocks where they explain shocks when

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I'm video it was probably the biggest this table would be around and maybe five feet high and we'd go up in the

31:01

woods just maybe one time and get these white pine trees early death there's big

31:09

as a softball and cut those those down and then we cut the ends of them off

31:15

little short and we'd run them under the ground under the shocks of hay and the

31:21

big in my rent a would get because his hands were larger the land and we had to carry those things he would use some horses

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we had a careless thanks to the barn and then said then I said the boy up in the top and he'd get the pitchfork and throw

31:33

the stuff up and then I have to drag it through the back to the barn to keep it

31:42

there everything we had we we made a trade fool or something like them so I

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think we've this for almost four full stations now they would come with a lot

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of church and a lot of brown and I think I said more than enough but I think all

32:02

that remains is for you to say any concluding remarks about anything and then I'm gonna let me go wrap it up so

32:09

you want me to say what now any any concluding remarks anything anything you want to say we're going to finish this

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shortly well I've told you about all I know and one thing that about the

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systems of it archaeological site that had been on the system's things though

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the 70s a few words about decision since this is a he was related to my

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granddaddy and my grandma okay and he had the store but he never came to his story about 15 miles away from our house

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and that's what we only stuck with me with trepidation something like that

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there's a big river up there we river the slick rocks at my granddad kept

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saying but what I'd like he said I've always wanted to cross that River over there and Fitch I said hop on well hey

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anyways I guess I don't send you five pounds or something like that now just a

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little sign I kept saying a little please oh let me follow me took him across to the creek then I got

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thinking gosh I might've ran back now we went over there and fished and inside

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win-win citizens I don't know how he was actually related to he might not even been related to him

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in my family but everybody was always welcome in of them there's family

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members the very few people had cars everybody had a horse tails so then

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looking back over the whole four sessions what would you say to wrap all

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of this up for people who are watching this on videotape about the history of

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the remnant of YouTube people and your personal history what would you say to wrap it up in a few words

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well that that actually back then we weren't really call myself Ichi

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because we related to two new Pocahontas

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discreetly and you can get on the internet now finest they invest the est

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wealthy oh p-chan canoe and then Wong sonic off this and the language spec

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language they were both Chiefs reckon cheese and when one of them died the

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brother then the next brother became chief the Minette person back then and

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the sister she became chief moon cheese and and when she became chief culture

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years of windowsill when she came she at that time some of your people the

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British were coming to Virginia at that time Jamestown marry and so forth where there was a wrestler back then the rest

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room vital statistics was German and

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anyway you don't see what I mean by that a minute when a person was born they had

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together to this office to this German guy Andrey they called their birth date

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almost bunch of stuff well the Germans have their language not to drum when I

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was in college but a hard language to learn but they pronounced the these like

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vests they pronounced that different and

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so when an alien in the end she's clean

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up the monkey said my bloodline is actually the monkey and or my family's is off the monkey from from that here

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and anyways she had a hand had a an affair with this British sea captain and

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anyway his name was West and the German registrar translated that to vest yeah

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so that's right so there so have you had a good time today every day if you enjoyed this make us meet we're gonna

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give me the last word okay so let me

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wrap this up and cheaply thank you so much for your time and all the stories

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that you have shared to us is very very important because well first of all we tend to focus more on the eastern side

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of Virginia history so we neglect the history of Southwest Virginia - no party

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they originally came from the party room in the SD tribes used to live so yes we

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tend to focus too much about on Richmond and Jamestown the Williamsburg and especially on Native American history

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there's we don't have much breakers anything history about Indians who live

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in southwest virginia so chiefly story but i think you were consuming a lot -

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so - history in southwest virginia and also to native american place this guy

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knows more about their needs up here than others so thank you thank you very

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much thank you

— End of Transcripts 1-4 —

This transcript preserves the spoken words and living oral history shared by Chief Lee Vest of the Remnant Yuchi Nation, as recorded in the four-part interview series deeply valued and referenced by Dr. Jim Glanville.

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