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Q Were with Mrs. Sheely at Shiloh Village (near York, Pa.) Is it Shiloh Village?

A Yes.

(Talk about weather, and baseements)also about grey hair)

A My sister has white hair. Very unusual, the only one in our family. My brother is already greyed, oh, boy, he must be fifty... fifty nine.

Q Are they right around here too.

A: They live in New Cumberland.

I must say this, in regard to the... there is some background I must give you about my dad. (Addison Johnson) It's difficult for me to give-you have much to give you, other than what I found out about... really, most of it's about Cherokee. My mother, of course, wasn't an Indian. (the recording here does not give a clear reproduction of 'was' or 'wasn't', but Mrs. Sheely's mother was not an Indian.) And, uh, I'm sure when they first got married they had many problems, such as people looking down at you. Well, at any rate, some kind of pact that this would not be discussed too much in the house. So until we were in our teens - well, I really didn't notice it, I look like my mother so I didn't have a problem. My sister looks just like my father and she really had a lot of difficulties here, with kids. And probably from the parents and the kids just picked it up. The kids picked it up. And I'm sure a lot of people can't understand why I didn't know as much as I did (did not know). Even in Cherokee, I'm sure they thought that this was the reason. They considered my mother a white woman and she never could... We often said "I wonder why you married Daddy?", and yet they were very compatible. It's an interesting family because of this. And yet Helen Jacobs will say that she never had any trouble.

Q Do you know Helen Jacobs? (Mrs. Jacobs is a potential source of oral history from herself and others in Cherokee, N.C. She has recently retired there. She is the daughter of a Cherokee student at CIS)

A Oh, yes, very well. I gave them here name. (Historical Society)

Q Well, I've just written to her. I got her name through Mr. Sauve (another oral history source, son and nephew of students at the school)

A Oh, did you?

Q And then I spoke with her son.

A Oh, did you? We know them too.

Q I was going to call her - I have only Mr. Garvie as a person who went to the school. I learned from Mr. Sauve that his aunt Mrs. Nick, is a Cherokee who went to the school, as well as Mrs. Jacobs's father was at the school.

A She's such an old lady.

Q No, it's Mrs. Jacobs is down there, and so is Mrs. Nick, and I was hoping that Mrs. Jacobs could record herself and...

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A Oh, did you get her?

Q No not yet, she would have gotten my letter this week and I was going to call her Saturday.

A I was going to call her today, I haven't heard from her in a while. ~~That~~ the last time I was down was, well, it was a year ago in June. When I arrived she wasn't there, and I enquired in a restaurant across the street and she was in the hospital, so I did go to see her. And she wrote when she was to be released, but ~~what~~ whether she was released to her home in Cherokee or ~~to~~ her son ⁱⁿ Washington I've never found out because she hasn't answered a letter.

Q I spoke to her son in New Cumberland.

A Well, she's very well informed.

Q I was hoping that she'd have access to a tape recorder *and I could send her some tapes.*

A I believe she would, she works for the Bureau, for the Governor.

Q I asked her to do her own recollections of her father's memories and then if it were possible that she go to see Mrs. Nick, who is hard of hearing- but she lives with a nother woman who could ...

A I have another name, and I'm not at all sure...because I didn't even get it... Youngblood, Youngbird.

Q Is that down there too?

A Yes, she's in a home down there. But they all went there. Like Helen Jacobs' father and my Dad, and I believe the Youngbirds, all went to school together at the same time. I want to know because I want to send them one of these books (a copy of the brochure from the CIS exhibit at the Historical Society) And I must send up to Carlisle to get them.

Q What are they? Oh, the pamphlet. That would be nice.

A But I do want to send those.

Q Now, your mother was an Indian, or was not? Not.

A No. ~~You-ha~~ (Mrs. Sheely is going through an envelope of memorabilia)

Q You have a picture of your dad.

A Now this is shortly after he left the Indian School, and when he was... I think Governor Pennypacker put him through...

Q Oh, I remember this (face), he was good looking.

A Yes, We used to say "Ooooh, Daddy, don't look at us, it looks like you can tell what we're thinking!" (Laughter) And this (another photo) is right after they were married, my mother and dad, of course, this was right before he died. He died in Cherokee, you know. He wanted to go home.

Q Is this you?

A No, that's my niece. His first grandchild.

Q Is this your brother?

A Yes, he looks like my dad. (Some talk about ashtrays and matches) Now, he, do you want me to tell you what I know about him? He and his going to the Indian School. He was an orphan. And then I have these things from the enrollment officer at the Cherokee enrollment office... because I asked him to. His mother died shortly after he was born. He was... I didn't realize, ~~he was~~ taken in by the Quakers, the Quakers had a boarding school there, like a boarding school, and that's where he was put. And then when they were twelve or thirteen they had to pass a test, and he passed it to go to the Indian School. And then, I think he was thirteen, and we figured he was around twenty-one when he left the Indian School.

they sent them to me

Q What years was he there?

A Well, he was born in '86 so it would have been ... twenty-one, it would have been seven years.

Q So he succeeded Mr. Garvie, cause he was there from 1912 to 1916. (I an Mis-- taken in my chronology here)

A Was he? You know that name just doesn't ring a bell.

Q He was the one who was a musician who led the band sometimes.

A I believe he was in the band for a band time.

(Unintelligible)

I know that he ran away a couple of times after he got there. They got him at the covered bridge in Harrisburg. He had much admiration for the school. When my mother met him he spoke broken English, but he was self-educated guy. He had the most beautiful English - we never realized this because we never heard that part of it. He went to Penn State, got his certificate there in... oh, what is that called... printing and that sort of thing, and, ah, he was a printer, but Governor Pennypacker took him out of school and said that he should learn a trade. He used to help in the Senate, and in the Legis ature- he took A LIKING TO HIM.

Q How did he come to meet him, I wonder?

A Oh, he used to come to the school. The Governor was all for that school. And, I havw some things on the Governor, too. But he just was lucky, that's what I think. And then when he met my mother, I guess he was ready to rule the roost. Well, we had a... I'm sure you're not interested in this, but he was a wonderful man. And, I'm sure... that we kids, and his town, came first.. We think of that now, but when you're young you don't understand these things.

Q He did want to go back to Cherokee?

A Well, after we knew that he no longer could get well, th doctor, he told the doctor that he would like to get home. And he told mother, and he said "the trip will not help him, but it won't hurt him either", any more than her. And she decideed to take him. And she took my cousin who was a nurse. You-know-where-he-was? He lived three days. He knew where he was though.

Q Did he have a _____ disease or lung or?

A No, he had a heart, oh, for seventeen years, and all sorts of complications.

Q Did he maintain some ties back there all through his time here? No, just to go back.

A We had, no, Helen Jacobs is the one who really had to get him into the hospital, because he had so many years of not returning. And they're very within themselves, I can tell that when I'm down there, and I can't blame them at all. But, people who knew him came to say goodbye. My mother said she was so astounded, you know, that after all those years they would know him.

Q Was it bad, also at that time, to....

A Yes.

Q Did he ever talk about that time, what it was like to come up here to the school. What that experience was like?

A Other than he didn't, didn't really want to come. Little things you know now why he did them. Like he used to maintain a huge garden and that's what the kids used to do at that time. They maintained a garden to raise their food.

Q At the Quaker School?

A Yes.

Q They learned all that.

A You know, the Quakers, I guess they deserve praise for what they do.

Q They're quiet...

Well, I'm interested that you know Mrs. Jacobs and Mr. Sauve...

A Oh, yes

Q That you keep in touch.

A Oh, yes. You know, ~~my~~ you have so many regrets after something happens to your parents, and my regret was that while I was working, that I didn't take my father home. I don't think my mother really wanted to go. We often had visitors, Indian visitors come. She was very gracious to them, but you could tell that they didn't understand her. Oh, you really could, because they had different way of life, even then.

Q What kinds of things made it a different way of life?

A Well, first of all, the Cherokees are very quiet. And I used to... Lucinda was, she was a Cherokee too, and she went to school too, but she's dead now, lived in Philadelphia, and she used to come visit. And when my dad died of course we notified those people, and she came and I'll never forget it she said to Kay and I (a sister), "What time do you want to go to the funeral director's this evening?" You know, after the viewing. "And we'll stay."

A Well, you know, in our mode of life, we don't do this. And I, no Kay said this to her, "Lucinda, we don't do this". And I said, Kay said to her, "Lucinda we don't do ~~this~~, that, but we know the funeral director and he'll be glad to stay with you." And, -- I if you want to stay with Dad." And she said, "oh, no, I wouldn't do anything that isn't done...", well, she meant "the way you do it". She didn't do it. And I was pregnant, ready to be delivered, so I don't think I would have done it either, but Kay would have done it if my mother wouldn't have stayed. But you know, just little things that you know. Now when I lived near Auburn I used to have her over, and she was difficult to talk to because they just don't let loose, now even Mrs. Youngbird doesn't, Amanda ~~wa~~ is her name,

Q (Mrs. Sheely makes a comment on her problem of losing things as she leaves the room to locate an envelope with souvenir and other materials about Cherokee, North Carolina.) She brings out a pottery bowl which was made by a Potter in Cherokee, saying, "and sometime, Carlisle (Historical Society) will get it".

A But not right now. And I have an Indian Bible, but I ~~can't remember~~ ^{don't know} where I put it. There's one in the Smithsonian and one in the London Museum. (We are looking at magazines, photos, etc.)

Q I think we might be going to North Carolina this summer to the shore, and I'm going to try to get my husband to drive through this area...

A Oh, please do, because... this pageant they give... Did you ever hear of it? "Unto these Hills". It's the beginning of the "March of Tears". Well, I'm taking my sister in law and brother in law down this year.

Q When is it?

A It's not until late June. I'm going to go to three A's to find out exactly if you'd like me to tell you.

Q That would be nice. I'd hope to be on top of it by that time myself.

A But you know, there's this real pleasant Indian village, it's an amphitheater up in the mountains,

Q It's the Great Smokies.

A Yeah, just beautiful. I tell them that you feel like you're in Heaven. But the play is beautiful. It's put on by a lot of students in the area. Well, even Charlotte, and all around, they bring them in. They're studying drama, most of them. And then the natives, do the mob part. And her son, no Helen's son, had the lead in it one year. He was a teacher.

Q I wish I could remember, is it Jim Jacobs, then there's another one.

A There's an older one.

Q I don't know which one I spoke with, but it's someone in Lemoyne.

A What did he do?

Q I don't know, but it's not the brother who works for the Bureau, it's the other one. Mr. Sauve does know. I just was asking him his permission really

- Q to talk with his mother, I didn't know her condition or whatever..
- A I say it Saw-vay (pronunciation of Sauve) but that's all right. I don't think they are Cherokee, the Sauves. They have two sons. Helen is. But I think they are Sioux.
- Q I think he has two, or three, because on the little questionnaire he filled out many names.
- A Now, his sons really look like Indians. My sister does, but I don;t, I look like my mother. She has an Indian name too...
- Q But your Dad, after some time at the school, became reconciled, and didn't try to go back again?
- A Oh, right. And I really think it was the marraige. I'm not speaking against my mother, it's just what I've observed since I've grown up and thought about it. I think that was the reason he never went back. Why she... I don't think she disliked the Cherokee, I think she simply didn't know how to cope with it.
- Q Would people, would students from the school come to visit too, was that a ... people who stayed in the area?
- A Yes, like the Sauves and some of Helen's people. And Lucinda, she always came. And then a couple of boys came, and my mother had them for a couple of months, I guess they were trying to find work...from Cherokee.
- Q Your Dad must have been there then at the time of General Pratt?
- A Oh, yes, he thought he was a wonderful man. Well, I suppose it took the young people a long time to realize how much had been done for them at the Indian School, I know they didn't probably realize it while they were there
- Q I wonderr what the contrast was him from being at the school to being at home, at the Quaker School?
- A Well, I suppose learning to talk English and everything was difficult, and then you know, each summer they went... what was it? ... there was an expression for that.
- Q The Outing Program?
- A Yes, he would go to Yardley, Pennsylvania, and with him would go these people, the Youngbirds, and Lucinda would go to the same farm. They stayed with the Yardleys. I haven't gotten to Yardley, but I'd like to because there are still Yardleys living. I'm sure they know something, you know,
- Q Where is that?
- A That's in Bucks County. Right near New Hope. And I think he did spend a summer in Lancaster because I remember he used to laugh about the bundling. He had a great sense of humor. And I guess he would have learned alot really.
- Q He would have stayed with an Amish family in Lancaster? Yes; that must have been something. What did he ever say about that, do you remember?

A Not much.

Q About the bundling?

A Well, he thought that was, anthing ~~that-had-to-do-with~~ that was..had some....

Q Just like anyone else, anything sort of funny.

A Right.

Q Well, it is an interesting custom.

A And I'm sure that that helped him with his growing, you know. Anyway.

Q When did he meet your mother?

A It was a funny thing. My mother was raised in New York City, and we had a cousin in Harrisburg whom she came to see in the summers for a vacation. My Dad roomed and boarded there, and that's how they met.

Q Was he working as a printer?

A Yes, he was in his apprenticeship, at the Government printing office, the State printing office.

Q So, when he was at school, the Governor, Pennypacker? , was perhaps a trustee of the School, and met him.

A Yes, he met a lot of children, but, I don't know, my dad might have had good grades or something, you know. He was amazing. And not only because he was my Dad. Now, you see, when I was in school, as I say I didn't have as much trouble with the kids at school as my sister did. But there's every "Half-breeds", and every... what have you. But I guess, I decided that because I looked like mother, that they never connected, even though they knew we were brother and sisters, but all the teachers used to think my Dad was terrific. He used to speak at our Pep meetings, and cause Kay and I would sit there scared to death for fear he wouldn't say what he should. But no, he was very well-liked. A few people objected to his nationality. Well, they would have objected to anybody's nationality other than their own.

Q Do you think that hurt him.?

A Very much, but he wouldn't talk about it. Other than if I would say to him "I don't believe somebody likes me because..." He would say, "Well, you will have to just be patient"with them".

Q Did he do sports, and debating? I don't know where I've seen his picture.

A He did sports. May I see that football picture?

Q Here's a track, a football, debate...

A I don't think he was in track, but he was in football. Oh, you have a lot of pictures.

Q I don't know wheter the '95 means anything in that one, but here's another one.

A He was there when Frank Mt. Pleasant was there. Well, I know I'd know him if I'd seen him. You know, since I've been doing this, it must have been a terrible ordeal to get these people, young people to go there. Look, he looks older. (looking at photographs)

Q Yes, some of them came at eighteen and wouldn't leave until twenty-one or two. And I think that's very different from what people (imagine)

A I have another cousin who married someone who went there. John White.

Q Your dad may very well be in this picture, but their heads are all down so you can't see. Now this one I think is quite an early picture. It's of children when they first came.

A When did this start? (the School)

Q 1879. And I think this (photo) is pretty early, it's kind of cloudy. That's Colonel Pratt there, if he's still a Colonel. I mean, a Captain.

A It is.

Q It's interesting to contrast this one picture with the others, they've changed so much in such a short period of time. (These photos are not before and after ones taken of the same group, but one early one of a group of young, pioneer-dress clad Indians holding hands and looking at the camera, and others showing the debate team, the track team, and the football team.)

A Shocking.

A I wonder who they are?

Q Some of the pictures have been (unintelligible) catalogued... but they are perfectly ----- not so much to record their names as to record the change... and this appearance, and when they had them all in uniforms. Did he ever speak of having to change his hair and his clothing?

A Only that he had to wear a uniform... (looking at pictures)

Q There were lots of debating societies.

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Q And yet they had/^{I guess}fairly good medical care...?

A Oh, I think they were very well cared for. I really mean this. I don't know, but I never heard a thing against them, In fact I suppose Carlisle was quite proud to have them.

Q I think it was... In talking with Mr. McKnight yesterday, he said that the school wasn't open just for people to walk in as they would choose to if they wanted to but that if there were functions certain invitations would be made to people. It was ~~not~~ run as a private school, and not just open for townspeople to go in and out, and that's good, because the kids could have felt they were on display.

A Maybe you would like to see what they do?

Q I think as a group they are so good looking, you know?

Q Did your dad ever go back to the school to visit, or to visit after it was a barracks?

A Oh dear, we went to the cemetery, and there's only one Cherokee in it.

Q Hmm.

A Helen and I decided they went home to die. Q Did he ever talk about any illnesses or deaths occurring while he was there?

A Unh huh. But some of them had T.B. (looking at papers etc.,)

Q He did play in the band though, you said. What did he play?

A Yes. The French horn.

Q Well, he must have gone on some of those trips, to inaugurations and such. Well, ^{this makes me mad} I have a form you fill out for his family tree, ^{ohm they're so dilapidated,} it's.. they have records way back to 1700- something. Isn't that amazing? (She is speaking of the records available in Cherokee tribal headquarters.)

A Yes. I first visited Helen, but by late afternoon, everybody knew I was in town. We went to a restaurant and the lady came up and she said, "Oh, you must be Addison's daughter". The must have been on the telephone.

Q What was his last name?

A Johnson.. Now here's ^{part of} the pageant.

Q Now, would these be from Cherokee, or would these be people...?

A I think they're from Cherokee. (More pictures about the Pageant)

Q Did he ever speak about how he felt about the March?

A Well, (unintelligible) but the sense is that many Cherokee who marched died on the way, but many didn't take the march but hid in the mountains. The rest of the march ended in Oklahoma) The end of that play is in Oklahoma, which I hope to see some day. They learned to take care of themselves early in life, I'm sure of that. Well, maybe he did because he was an orphan.

Q So some of his family - removed - maybe not his father and mother, but aunts and uncles, may still have been there, on the reservation, when he came up to the School?

A Yes. Oh, right. They ~~said~~ showed me the cabin where he was born in. It's only got a dirt floor. His mother's name was Rose. Rose.

Q How kind, to have this eternal flame ~~of~~ be a symbol of friendship between the white man and the red man after being forced to...

A They have a beautiful attitude, I think. they've put Cherokee language back in the grade schools now, they had taken it out for a long time, and now they're putting it back.

Q It's a written language too, isn't it?

Q What would your Dad have learned at the Quaker School? What kind of things other than the gardening, what would, he have been learning there? His own language? Writing?

A the Quakers,
You know they, maybe, I don't know this for sure, but maybe they try and teach them English, because they knew that some of them would be coming to Carlisle. To come to the Carlisle Indian School. If you ever go there you'll be shocked to think back how long ago it was, how they ever got out of there. Buckboard, I guess. Or horseback. /....If you want to take those home and look over them... but maybe your time is limited. (Cherokee, N.C. materials)

Q So you've been several times?

A Yes, well I like it just as much each time.

Q Did he choose his name when he came or did he come with his name?

A He came with his name.

Q I wonder about that? How ...

A Well now, Helen's father brought those boys from the Quaker School to Carlisle. Well, however he brought them from Carolina. He brought them over the mountains.

Q And he had already been a student here? Is that it? Her father was a student.

A I guess that was his summer job, maybe. I don't know.

Q To go back and bring students some people back. How many came with your Dad, do you know? Did he talk about that?

A No. Other than I do know that people that I met and talked to came when he did. But a lot of women, like at the restaurant at the motel where we stay, her grandmother, she told me her grandmother remembers my Dad. And she's terribly old but she did remember.

Q How were they thought of, the children who left, who either did come back or didn't come back, how did people down there...?

A It was difficult for them to accept my Dad, to accept him there at the hospital, and I'm sure he did a lot of research before he was accepted, but we felt, my sister and I felt fortunate that he was accepted because it was what he wanted to do.... He was better looking as he got older but his mouth seemed.... in there. I hope you erase whatever you don't want anybody else to hear but I know that when I was dating I think the fellows really respected him... He was nice to them but they knew... that they didn't want to tangle with him. They thought he'd scalp them. (Laughter) He used to say "I'm a peace-loving Indian." All our friends are very proud of it, they tell people... I don't tell people, it's so remote, you know? But they like the idea. And I'm glad they do.

to use a term, it's
P Well, it is, it's sort of a feather in your cap". (laughter)

A Well, it's so ancient too, it speaks of really long lineage.

Q Right, right. The ^{girl, the people} people who my Dad lived with when mother met him, you know,

A my cousins, they adopted a girl, and she's about my age, but she remembers my Dad so well, you know when they were young, she was little girls and she remembers him, and she - we took her down a couple of years ago to Cherokee. Now, I'll tell you what happens to people when they cross over the mountain, from Gatlinburg into Cherokee. Maybe it 's because of my Dad, I don't know. They really cry. Not only is it gorgeous, but they say, "did he really live down here?", you know. But she really was interested and enjoyed all the buildings there where they show all the crafts. She enjoyed that. But when they were married (parents) and came home from their honeymoon, my cousin Flo and her husband had built a wigwam over their bed. Now mother told us that, but she really, and I think she was ashamed of it, as we got older and we were so interested, because we used to say to her, "we don't understand why you married him if you don't want to talk about him". You know, about his life. Well, she'd never really give you any good,... of course, we were quieter then than they are today.

Q Well, how did her family... did they accept that marriage happily, or were they upset for her or worried about her?

A My grandmother loved him. Her brothers resented him, and I resented them because of it, which isn't fair, but he was always very gracious to them when they came. He knew this. And I think they learned to know what he was, you know, the man, and probably glad their sister got him, really. Well, you know, I guess, that's why he was never prejudiced, and he tried to teach us that. Like with Negroes or anything, and I'm sure that's why. You know, he thought, they're not any different really, they're going through what I did. Helen doesn't seem to think she felt that.

Q Prejudices...?

A We did, maybe it was her neighborhood, I don't know.

Q And, yet he learned a trade, and became proficient at it and... Do you know if he met any resistance, or what kinds of experiences...?

A At work? I don't think too much, because I think they all liked him after they learned to... like (as), know. Lot's of people did.

Q When he was at school, was that when he worked as a page? Was that part of his schooling too?

A Yes, in the legislature. He use to say he was the Governor'spet. But he really wasn't. He did give hime alot of encouragement, which was very great for him, and... Were all those children orphans?

Q I don't think so. But I've run into a lot of people who say...

A But that may have been one of the reasons, who knows?

Q Many that I've heard of have, were, children who had gone to one or two schools, boarding schools before hand, so it may ahve been that they were so removed from their families, physically, ...

A Do you know if Haskell Institute is still in existence?

Q I think so.

A Well, we kids, as we were growing up, if we were ... I used to say to my brother, "You just better be careful because Daddy will send you to Haskell Institute," (Laughter)

Q Did he ever speak of it that way himself?

A I don't know, that was me. Oh, dear. I don't even know where that is. Oklahoma, I guess.

Q I don't know, either. There's that one then there's another.... Ummm. Did he ever speak of the instructors or the disciplinarians, or what it was like on a daily basis?

A Oh, well, it was very well-disciplined. But then they probably/needed it, and it was all army, wasn't it? felt they

Q I guess, Pratt was.

A And they,... probably felt they needed that. Oh, he never, I'm sure he objected to it. But never criticized it.

Q It must have been difficult... for a group of students from one area, say the Cherokee, to come and be mixed with other groups of Indians.

A Oh, sure, because they're different, they're life on a reservation was much different from the others. I mean their whole, I would say even their personalities were different. A Cherokee really is a peace-loving nation. They don't, they never, they would never have fought for anything I guess if they weren't forced to, that play will show you that.

Q Did your Dad ever speak of the other students...

A Only the few that I would remember.

Q He, did you learn from him that way, that those were his friends at school...

A Yes. Um hmm.

Q The people maybe tended to stay with their... where possible, with their friends.

A Right, right. And I'll bet that each tribe tried to stay together. At school.

Q Did he maintain the language? Could he speak his own language?

A He had - he could speak some of it- because I'd make him tell me some words. Such as ----- for sugar, and, now I've even forgotten and I'm sorry. I'd like to spend a summer in Cherokee, and learn it. I really would. I'm too old. I wish one of my grandchildren would want to do it. They're very interested but... they've gotten so involved, you know, in high school. But maybe one of them will, but I don't know. But, I, and I think that each of them will, in each family there will be one who will want to continue to go to North Carolina. I hope so. Because we really neglected him in that way. We did, and that only because I didn't think.

Q That hurts.

A Yes, it does. It just burns me up that I was so dumb. And inconsiderate really

Q I know, my mother was eighty-four when ~~s-h~~

Q she died, and she would come to visit us, and want to go to the Catholic Church, the old one, not the new one, and the masses were at odd times. And I never went a step out of my way to...

A Yes, there are a lot of little things that bother you. I have a friend in Carlisle whose husband was just buried out - at the Catholic Church, and she said, " I guess this is the first time that somebody's had their service in the Catholic Church and then taken to a Protestant burial!"

Q Did your dad go th Sunday School I know that some of the kids, had the options, well, I guess they were almost made to attend some kind of church services on Sunday.

A Unintelligible.

Q They would supposedly make them go separately? You know, the girls couldn't go with the boys. They'd have to separately and by different routes even. I guess the girls had a different schedule.

A No. I know he met people at Carlisle. And I only know this vaguely. But he used to visit in Chicago. I don't think she was, they were, Cherokee. There was particularly one girl, one woman, that he saw, she was a beautiful woman. He met here there, and then met her family. But we also had friends who knew my father before my mother knew him, who were not Indians, who just happened to know him through friends of theirs. A School teacher*..

Q Is she still around?

A No. It's a shame. We were very close. ... I hope that this isn't a complete..

Q No . Not at all...I have met very few people whose family was.

A Now, see, like Mr. Sauve, He would have so many recollections of the school, much more than I would, because, as I say, we just didn't discuss it much. But I just want his name in this book. (Laughter)

Q Oh yes, I wonder... how they did meet each other... the girls and the boys; Because I don't know... whether they had classes together... you know, like academic classes, and I don't think they had shop, of course together. Although, I think there were some in the Printers.

A Really?

Q I think I came across some in a Commencement book, a picture of women printer. I think it was just yesterday with Mr. McKnight.

A Does he have it?

Q Yes.

A I've gotten material out of books that friends of mine have. They bought them at a sale, and they're interested in the Carlisle School too, and they knew my Dad, I was glad they had them.

Q Do you think his feelings...how would you describe his feelings about the school? Beyond being grateful to it for getting him a trade or whatever.

A Do you mean, how they would treat him and everything?

Q Just what the atmosphere was like for him, whatever, a recollection like when the School would come up in conversation...how he thought about it, or the people, or General Pratt (lots of pausing)
~~Well, I know he General Pratt. -- I think...~~

A Well, I know he really admired General Pratt, and because he was older, of course, I'm sure he felt that if it was a disciplinary school, that it was a good thing.

Q What did they do for fun?

A Oh, they had a lot of... Do you mean in the school? Well, I don't know whether sports and handball...I guess not all Indian tribes played handball, but the Cherokee did. I know he did. (We are looking at pictures of handball players.)

Q Unintelligible.

A Oh, It's a different type they use. Some kind of a jacket they use to catch it and twirl it.

Q I'll bet there are places down there where one can do that.

A Oh, there are! A lot of fishing down there, you have to get permission because it's reservation. But there is fishing if you like that.

Q My boy does. (Un-intelligible)

Q The person who taught printing - the shopmaster- whoever that would be, I know that when they went to school the day was divided between the work and the learning of- like mathe or whatever. I wonder whether he ever spoke of that, the shop experience.

A Not that I can recall, however, he could have. I should have had my sister down, but she's working.

Q Is she older or younger?

A She's older.

Q I'd like to talk with her. ... It's interesting that he was quiet about the school. Whether because of your mother's feelings or...

A Well, I wish I knew, but that's what I... that's the conclusion that I come up with. Because she, well, it would take a lot of things to explain that. Just little things that you know. Like she never liked Kay and I to ... ~~she never liked K--~~ we loved to get sun tanned, cause we tanned readily, we're both dark. And, oh, she hated that. And I know it's because she thought everybody would say, have something to say about it.

Q Isn't it sad, you never know what another person's life is like...

A Oh, really, she was, there was such a lot of... not that that really bothered me towards my mother, other than we used to say "you look healthy"(from tanning). That's all we could say. But I know.. I think in later years that we became more

interested... she always prevented it, and it's a shame. And we felt guilty. Because I'm sure she knew that my father was frustrated for not talking. He had to be frustrated. for not talking. And I think she realized all that, but it was too late then to change it.

Q Did she ever go back to visit the school with him. And do things like that.

A Um-hum. When we had guests we'd take them up. And my husband remembers- Saturdays the school must have taken a lot of these youngsters to Harrisburg, because he could- he himself can remember, vaguely... I guess they were buckboards- that's the only word I can use for that type of wagon, would bring them down through Camp Hill. Well, I din't live there on that side of the ... river then, I lived in Harrisburg. But of course I don't remember that at all.

Q Did he ever talk about band trips, or... what that was like at all? Or going places with that group.

A I can't recall (pause before answering)

Q It must have been fun, I've learned so much about Carlisle, that little Creek, the Conodoguinet used to be big enough somewhere to have a little boat that would go from the school out to a place called Cave Hill. And they would go swimming and then get the boat back. And I guess that part of it they would flood in the winter and ice skate... which.. I wish they had that now.. a decent place to go ice skating.. so, in so many ways it would have been lots of pleasant things at the same time that the discipline ,..

A Oh, I'm sure there were.

Q There must have been social get-togethers, evenings...(Mrs. Sheely has no recollections, she frequently worries that she has nothing to offer that's substantial enough for the "book")

Q Was he an early riser?

A Yes, I think that was probably from a way back. (laughter) He was a hard worker.

Q I'm glad he got to go back.

A Oh. Really, I, you know, because he only lived three days, my mother kept blaming herself. They came to spend the winter there. And, I said, "Don't blame yourself. The only thing that's important is that he knew where he was." Because he couldn't have lived much longer even if he'd stayed for a time, you know.

Q Was it a long-term problem that he had?

A He had, he was ill... well, he had had problems like five years previously, but he lived a year after the doctor said "you absolutely must stop working", and we lived on a hill, and he walked, he wouldn't even tell mother. The doctor called, he said, "I know he won't tell you, but he must stay home from work, at least for six months", And he left (for Cherokee) and... I lived in York here, because we lived here for seven years and then we moved to Philadelphia. And I said to my husband, 'I'll never see him alive again.' I just knew it. And then he lived

A just three days. He had a distant aunt who was there. And they all came.

END OF TAPE 1, SIDE 2 .

(We are pursuing the information that Mrs. Sheely's father spoke at her school assemblies- my question's sense is about what her father might have felt about being a school program's centerpiece, whether he would have thought about it that way, what would his speech would have been about)

Q: Unintelligible.

A: Well, you see that was at a time in my life that I probably wasn't listening to the ~~(Unintelligible word)~~. *adults.*

Q You wished you weren't there.

A Probably (laughter) Well, I hope that this isn't all in vain, but I just wanted to... make sure that...

Q Oh, not in vain at all. It's interesting that, I mean...

A Well, I think it's interesting how... I know I beat them... how ^{actually} regardless of nationality you're not really different. Maybe your skin color...

Q Maybe appearance, ^{is different} but everybody starts out with the same thing.

A I find their, I mean his particular ^(long pause) I think you'll find that with Helen (Jacobs) if you ever meet her and I hope you do, and if you go to Cherokee I'd like to give you her address. She would love your visiting her.

Q Is she in a retirement home?

A Well, when I last saw her and talked with her, no. I don't think she'd... well she would if she couldn't manage herself. ^{like, go in one} they have a lovely new one in Cherokee.

Q That's what I understand ~~but I can't~~ and I'm not sure why I would know about it unless...

A Oh, I wonder if she is, because if she is so's Mrs. Youngbird.

Q Now, I have a phone number for her, but her mailing address is Box 90.

A That's her home.

Q That's the one I sent the letter to, but I got the phone number through information. Just a week or so ago, ~~so, I'll call on Saturday~~ ^{I'm going to wait till Saturday + give her a call} I'm assuming that the town is small enough so that... ^{and see whether she's gotten the letter}

A Ummm. The town is very small, and the town proper, ^{you will probably} I'm sure you'll appreciate it, is very honky-tonk, terrible, but they have several things that the Indians have built ~~still~~ there. ~~Gorgeous.~~ ^{and it's all theirs, and it's gorgeous.}

Q And the area is governed by...

A The Indians, by the council. They'll also take you in and explain it, they're still go under that seven nations.

Q Let me write down ^{the phone} her number so you can check (Mrs. Jacobs' number)

A Well, I do want to... I must get in touch with her and Amanda, because I want to get these booklets. (from the Historical Society exhibit on the Indian School.)

Q Well, I just thought - (turned off the machine due to repeated repeats of speculation on the whereabouts of Mrs. Jacobs.)
What was the ^{Committee} mission in Washington? (Mrs. Sheely mentioned just before turning recorder back on that her father had travelled to Washington on behalf of Indians.)

A ^{On} Indian affairs, and about getting more for them. That was back in the ^h thirties.

Q How ^{had he} was that gotten started ^{in that,} I mean how ^{would} had they come to him, or...? Was he involved in a group,... or was it through the Cherokee nation ^{or how,?}

A I don't know... you see he had worked in Washington for two years, the Government Printing Office, I think it was then ^{that} he got involved. And then when he moved back to Harrisburg he still corresponded.

Q Who did he work with, did he have a shop in Harrisburg?

A My Dad worked for the Harrisburg Telegraph, which is out of existence now.

Q And so he finished his working career there?

A Yes. Right.

Q And this Commission in Washington was ^{something} in the thirties too?

A You know they put Bills into Congress and ^{they} worked on ~~them~~ ^{those}.

Q I wonder if his standing as a graduate of the School would have had some bearing on his being asked to serve...

A He was just interested, and he was also...he liked to go to school. He was always going to night school, ^{it's interesting}

Q Really.

A Yes, industrial arts.

Q How good to be able to do that. We don't have much. You can go to Dickinson (in Carlisle) but it costs too much, well, you can audit... (tape recorder switched off)

Q Tape on - (I am asking whether Mr. Addison ever talked about programs at the school involving Mr. Garvie)

A Well, he talked about how pleasant it was, he was probably an idol. ~~He was there when Jim Thorpe was there.~~ ^{I can't find it.}

Q What would he have said about them?

A Well, he was there when Jim Thorpe was there. (Mrs. Sheely's comments are somewhat disconnected) I wish I had more to say that he said.

Q No, I understand... ^{though} I can hear... what he was like... ^{his feelings.} Tape off.

END OF TAPE