

(Today is May 1, 1967. I am with Terry Walker, Seminole Indian minister from Seminole, who will interpret while we talk with Billy Spencer, a full-blood Seminole, age 72, who lives northeast of Wewoka...Bob Miller.)

(Terry Walker interpreting for Billy Spencer:)

He stated that my father has took me to school many times. It is 1906 that he (Spencer) probably started school, and he (Spencer's father) was a lighthorseman at the time my mother died. My father, I understand, was a lighthorseman under Captain Larney for many years, which I do not know because I was rather young at the time my mother passed away. And after my mother passed away, my sister by the name of Togee is the one that raised me until manhood.

SEMINOLE "FIDDLE" DANCE:

My mother's name was Polly and I was approximately four years old when the tragedy happened at a dance where she was shot. That's what I was told at that time, and as I stated awhile ago, previously my sister Togee is the one that took me from there and raised me.

We've got it down to the year, approximately the year 1898 when this incident happened to my mother, which she was shot during a fiddle dance which was being held by Indians about a mile north of Wewoka. And the man that did the shooting, shot my mother, name is Lindsey, that's all I remember, the name was Lindsey.

(Spencer explained his mother was holding him in her lap when Lindsey, who was intoxicated, entered the room where the dance was in progress and began firing a pistol. Spencer's mother was struck and died almost immediately. Spencer said, so far as he knew, Lindsey was never tried for his mother's death.)