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JOHNSON SCOTT, CREEK-SEMINOLE

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(Interviewer's note: Not on tape. Making the stick for the Creek Stick Ball. Johnson stated that he smooths the wood with pieces of glass often obtained at the dump ground, glass in beer bottles is better than other glass and lasts longer. Background noise is mostly the ten children of Scott's.)

BACKGROUND

(Guy Logsdon, Holdenville, Oklahoma, August 17, its in the afternoon and I'm visiting with Johnson Scott. Johnson, your address here is?)

521 East Hickory.

(I'm visiting, we'd like to get when you were born. Would you...?)

October 21, 1936

(And then, you're Seminole...?)

Creek-Seminole

(Creek-Seminole. Your mother is...?)

Full-blood, Seminole and my father's full-blood Creek.

(Were you born here in Holdenville?)

No, I was born in Sasakwa.

INDIAN STICK BALL GAME

(Okay. We are going to visit about the Indian stick ball. You make the various sticks and all. How is it that you make these?)

Well, the, you start with the hickory stick. The hickory tree, but not just any hickory tree. It's oh, a pretty good hickory tree is hard to find. And more likely, you find it down on a river bottom. Along the South Canadian River or say some creek bottom. But you don't use the part where it is real