

(Noah, I want you to tell us about some of your life history when you was a young boy, if you want to talk some in English or Creek, it doesn't make any difference and take your time.)

You want me to tell about the time when I was young, living with my father?

(Yes.)

When I was a young boy, I had four brothers and five sisters. There were ten of us. They used to keep some orphans, about ten of them, so all of us together were about twenty living there. In winter time some of them went off to school. Younger ones, me, my brother and sis, used to stay home 'cause we were loved and we was wanted at home. We just stayed home that's why I don't have education. But I've been working for government 27 years, and one year in Armed Forces. I've had 27 years in Civil service. I can't advance because I don't have education. I work hard to earn money. My father used to say if a person knows how to farm and work, they don't need to go to school. It's no good not to have education. So nowadays it's best for young people go through high school and go on to college, it's better job, it means better pay, I know that now. If I was going do it again, I'd start all over again and go to high school. I can see now I need education. I probably wouldn't have a job if I wasn't in service. So, it's best for young people go all the way through school. That's what they need nowadays.

(When you was young, did your father and mother make you go to school? Or you stayed home and work?)

My father was a big farmer. We stayed home and worked. We had cattle, hogs, pigs, horses. Hogs weighed about 300 pounds. We butchered about ten or twelve. We had smoked ham and hung them in smoke house. That put us through winter time. Some of us were at school.

(What was your father's name?)

Chilly Fish, and my mother's name Ellen Fish. In Governor Brown's days, my