

father was captain of Light Horsemen. No one may not know what I mean, but there were 20 horsemen and my father was captain and where there was trouble, they used to go there and arrest people. Their pay was small. They got paid \$1.00 a day, if they kept prisoners. I forgot what year it was, but before World War II, he became Seminole Chief for about three years. He got in ill health.

(And where did this take place, the Light Horsemen?)

Around Seminole area. If a prisoner was convicted, there used to be a tree by a Court House, that's where they would hang a prisoner by the hands and give them hard lashes. (whip them). Seminole Indians used to have their own law in their hands. If they found one guilty from stealing, etc, they whip them. And if one killed another person, Seminoles law was to give himself up and be killed. But Seminole's law was stopped after Oklahoma was made a state. After Oklahoma was open white people came with shotguns, hound dogs. The deer we killed and ate for our meals--the white people came and chased them all away, including wild turkeys, cheated us, took our land even with oil in it and that puts us where we have to work anymore. They chase all the wild games away and we can't do what our old Indians use to do. We don't have anything anymore and we have to try to be like white people and with education. We have to have education and we have to do church work too, and that would be good, I think.

(Do you think it was better back in the old days?)

Yes, we didn't have to work so hard as we do now back in those days. But now we have to work to eat.

(Yeah.)

We need education now, Indians should get together and help the Indians to get their education. So when you all get together for Indians, put the pressure on it and try to help Indians. But even if we tell young people, they need it education, some of them don't like to listen to you. I guess cause they are young in mind.