

(Mrs. Hepsey Lewis, Eufaula, Oklahoma. October 10, 1969. We are going to do some visiting about some of her life that she has had here in this part of the country. And of some of the experiences that she has had as a Creek Indian. Her maiden name was Hepsey Scott. And then Lewis. And she lived in a home that is about over 65 years old. It is fixed up real pretty inside. And it has panel walls on it. And behind the panel walls is just a straight boards behind it. And it's a solid house to be an old house.)

#### CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY

(When you were a little girl? What did you do in the way of spending time? Did they do anything special back in those days? Did the Indians used to help each other and get together alot in the old days?)

Well I do not know my earthly father. He passed away when I was little baby. I guess I was about two years old. But I don't remember him. And I never did even see his picture. And I never did know what he looks like. But everybody says my brother Benny looks like him. And they say he reminds them of my daddy. I wished I would have seen him. I must have been real small for when I came to my senses I had a stepfather. When I came to know. Both of my parents were both Christians is what I understood, My stepfather is Steven Jones. He was stepfather. He never did mistreat me. He never did whip me or get after me. He worked and supported us, family, just like a real father. I had four brothers. I had three full brothers older than me. And I was the only girl and the youngest of them. And the other one of my brother is my half brother. Younger than me. But I lived them all. Ben Scott is a retired U.S. mail carrier. He is about three or four years older than me. We grew up together. My other two older brothers had some horses and they loved to go horseback riding. They were always together. While Ben and I were together. And my half brothe was the baby. He had to stay home. Whenever mother went out she took him. We lived out in the