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Life History:

(Were your grandparents alive before they allotted the land?)

No, I never seen my grandpa. I think they allotted the land around 1901. We got a record of when they made the allotment. It was 1901, I think. Who's that? William McKinley, he's got his name on that too. I was age enough to get land that time.

(Were your father and mother both Apache?)

I think my grandma and grandpa, they both Apaches. And my mother--she's different tribe. She's Mescalero Apache.

(Did you know your daddy's mother?)

I don't think I seen her. I was not born yet when my grandparents died.

(Do you remember your grandparents on your mother's side?)

No.

(Did any of your grandparents speak English?)

No.

(Did your mother's folks speak any other language besides Apache?)

I don't know.

(Your father's folks?)

I don't know.

(How did people stay healthy in the old days?)

The old people they say, "Hey, you boys and girls, you old enough to get up. You go down and take a swim. You going to stay healthy so you will grow up." My mother tell me that.

(How would a man spend a day in the old days?)

Well, when a man get up he start talking about what he going to do. About how he going to hustle around for anything. Something to eat, deer, buffalo. Sometimes they have to go long distances to get water, even at night. They make wood buckets to get water. One time before Kate's mother died, she had plates out of wood, buckets too. They make the handles out of rawhides, and they make spoons out of wood, and they make sharp sticks to cook with-- handle meat like a fork.

(Make spoons with ends split up?)

Yes. When they going to make fire they got no matches. They make wood with