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INTRODUCTION

(I'm in the home of Ned Lusty. Are you Creek or Seminole?)

Seminole.

(Seminole Indian. He can't speak in English but we will interpret. He's going to tell about his life history and how he grew up.)

EARLY CHILDHOOD - RELIGION - CHILDREN NOT OBEDIENT NOW

When I was with my mother, I use to hunt most all time. I never did go to church 'cause they use to get after me. But now I know that's the real thing. I found out myself. For about ten years I've been Christian. For what I've found out I like for the young people to take up the christianity 'cause its good. Young generation that are educated now and speak good English now gets into more trouble 'cause they don't know obedience now. Back in our days, the made us mind with punishment, but now parents don't like to spank their kids, they get mad over their children and that's why they get into trouble. There's a lot to be said about this. Dec. 14, 1969 is our communion meeting at Spring Baptist Church. Long time ago I use to be seen at road crossing, but I don't do that anymore. I know it's been wrong. I use to be drunkard but I quit and I wish others would.

(How old were you when you lost your mother and your father?)

My father died in 1909. I wasn't with him 'cause they were separated. My mother died in 1953. Our records are in Muskogee. I was raised with her.

(Did you have to work to help her make a living?)

RECEIVED LAND ALLOTMENT AT AGE 5 YEARS

Yes, there wasn't much work. I use to work for one dollar a day, but now I