

surgery. He settled in Okfuskee County near our home. Okfuskee, that was little town. (Continues speaking in Creek and English.)

(How old were you when you lost your parents?)

I was very young when I lost my mother and father--about three years apart. I had two small sisters on my hand, then a brother and--Hazel was a small girl. When I took her to an orphanage home, she was only four years old. She was smart girl to go on. My brother was young. I didn't run out on them; and I bought clothes for them--(Creek).

(--you can tell about that. How do they say it in English?)

It wasn't poison, but it had a word for it or not (Creek).

(What do you think about the taxes the Indians have to pay to hunt now?)

Do you mean buying hunting license? It's all right because they use it for games--I think it's all right for my part. Ever since I was twenty-one, I've been buying license, hunting license. I don't have to buy a license. I'm past sixty five. I always buy it. I never go hunting without one. One time (Creek)--I never paid attention. I always have hunting license.

I respected the game laws. I never did kill, but what I wanted. If I go squirrel hunting I usually kill about three, that's about all. I don't slaughter them. I always try to obey game laws. I think the Indians always game laws of their own, they never did waste it. But one white man told me one time that when the rabbit season was on, when it was plentiful, he said he just shot down--I don't know how many he said. He said, "I didn't pick them up, I just let them lay there." You wasteful (Creek). Back yonder, they had their own game law (Creek) I wish it was like that.

Well, it's all right today. I respect the laws and all that. Wish I was there when my father was a great hunter.

(Did you like it when it was back in your days or do you think it's all right now?)