

EARLY COMMUNITY LIFE AND EXPERIENCES

(This May 5, 1970. This is Leonard Maker, worker for the University of Oklahoma, American Indian Institute. This day I am in Hominy, Oklahoma interviewing Mr. John Harrison, an old time resident of this area. And he has been associated with the Osage tribal Indians all his life. Now, I turn this over to Mr. Harrison.)

(Conversation.)

(Say you can tell them where you were born.)

Yeah, I was born, it's about a quarter of a mile I guess, north of town. At Edna Correy's place now. In an old log house. And, at that time, I guess, the old folks were living there at this place. And since then, I guess, the land was divided. I know John, he's got this on the east side. He's on his own over there, you know. And Edna, I guess, she's still on the old home place up there. Now, she has, she has, there's Carl and John and Edna living. That's all that I know of now living, that's living.

(That's all that I know, too.)

Well, now, Jess Townsend is he a half-brother to Edna--?

(I think he's a half. Yeah.)

He's a half-brother to Edna. That's what I thought. He lives down at Shawnee.

(Yeah. John, your parents when did they come in this area?)

Well, my dad, my daddy rode a horse in here in the early days. He was eighteen years old. He met my mother. Her people was, at that time they drifted off up into Illinois. And then they came back down into about Ochelata, somewhere there. And my daddy was, my daddy was, he was hauling freight you know in a wagon, I guess.

(Yeah.)

And he met my mother and married her. Yeah, I think, they married at Ochelata. I'm not sure now, where it was. But I think, it was at Ochelata.

(That must have been way back in, turn of the century, wasn't it?)

Well. Yeah.