

Mrs. Rhoda Sampson Fife

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This is August 5th, 1967. I'm Bob Miller from the University of Oklahoma.

I'm visiting in Okmulgee with Mrs. Rhoda Sampson Fife. A Creek Indian lady who is a hundred and one years old. Mrs. Fife lives south of Okmulgee, presently she is living in a rest home in Okmulgee. Pat Sulphur, a student at Northeastern State College at Tahlequah. A Creek Indian from Eufaula will interpret for me. We're going to visit with Mrs. Sulphur(?) With things she recalls as a child. Her family life. Life in the community and ~~anything that~~ she can remember about the old days in the Creek Nation before statehood.

I...She was born in Little Cussetah. She said, both her parents passed away when she was little.

(Does she remember their names?)

I...Daniel? Oh, Danny Gooden? Um-hum.

(Who's her mother?)

I...Danny Gooden? Lucy Sampson was your mother? Her parents lived in Checotah.

(My father was born at Honeycreek.)

I...Really?

(Ask her what she remembers about growing up as a little girl? What did she say?)

(What did she say?)

I...Oh, she said she remembers going to school for about five years.

(Where did she go? What was the name of the school? Ashbury Mission?)

I...she says she use to go to school, but after she moved, her parents moved, she didn't go to school.

(Where did they move?)

I...Beggs, Oklahoma. She says her parents were separated when she was young.

(And who did she live with?)

I...She lived with her mother after they were separated. Her mother was re-married again.