

PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

(Jenny, first of all, I would like to ask you if you would tell us your full name, and then your Indian name, and who your mother was, and who your father was, and when you were born, and where you were born, and where you went to school, and when you got married, and things of this sort first.)

Well, these men (points to her husband and a friend) they both say they got me at the same time. My full name is Jenny Medicine Elk, and my maiden name was Jenny Black. My mother went by her Indian name Singing Woman, and my father is Jay Black. And I married James Medicine Elk on Jun 29, 1928. I was born March 11, 1911, somewhere, I don't know, here in Oklahoma.

(Where did you go to school?)

Here at Cantonment. I went through there like I said. My sister went to school there, and I used to cry to stay, and they kept me. I was five years old.

(How many brothers and sisters did you have?)

Well, as far back as I can remember, my mother was married before- that's where this older sister came from. Her name was Eva Little Horse. And she died when she was just a young girl. And I don't know how many brothers I had, or how many sisters, but my brother, he got in an accident and he drowned in 1952. And then one died when he was just eight years old, way back in the '20's.

(How many children do you have?)

I have three. James Jimmy Medicine Elk, and Lydia Medicine Elk, and the baby was just a year old when he died and his name was Georgey.