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INFORMANT: SWAIN HOLLIS, NEGRO * NON-INDIAN
BOSWELL, OKLAHOMA
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(We're going to visit this afternoon with Mr. Landon Swain Hollis in Boswell. You told me the other day when you were born, but I didn't, we didn't get it on that tape. Tell me again.)

1870, May 9th.

BORN IN MAY, 1870, AND LEFT ALABAMA WHEN A YOUNG MAN

(May 9, 1870. Where was that?)

In Alabama, in LaMar County.

(Do you remember coming to this country?)

Oh sure, I was grown, kicking up my heels and running around when I come to this country. I just come here in 1906, just before statehood.

(You were telling me about your mother and father lived in LaMar County, Alabama, and then moved up here.)

No, they didn't, they died there. I was the only one to come here.

(Did you have any brothers and sisters moved up here with you?)

No, but I had a brother move up here, oh, not moved here, he come to the state of Texas, not here, that was way before statehood cause I was about 12 or 14 years old when he left home. I never did see him anymore. I heard from him after I got grown. He was in Pennsylvania, and that's where he died.

(He went way off, didn't he?)

Yeah. Way off.

(Where were-- I guess your mother and father were in Alabama when they were