

I was always getting hurt or always looking for me to get hurt. You know because I was always getting a bone broken or something. And I wanted to ride this horse. That's where I took back after the Indians. Had one sister. She could ride like the wind, where ride horse back, you know. And I wanted to do that. And I'd fall off that horse everytime. I'd forget to hold on.

Are you part Indian?

Oh yes. My grandmother on my mother's side was--well, to begin with they were the Corn Indians, and come down out of Canada. They came down after the revolution up there, you know, and they fought for the French. And you know they were part French themselves. And so, they got licked and they had to get out. So they came down and settled in Ohio. My grandmother born in Logtown, Ohio. And so when she was six or seven years old, you know, she said she learned that people look down their nose--see. Her mother, my grandmother's mother and father were cousins. They were the Lunchfords and you know that Indian puttin' that fact together--my grandmother got all the high temper and everything. See, but actually she was one eighth French and Indian. Which later the Indians were thrown in when they made the big drive. Cherokees across the country, you know. Well, they were thrown in. Then there was the Choctaws, see. So later instead of being called Corns they were called Cherokee-Choctaws. And some of the Corns were married into the Creeks but the other ones, the ones that got in with the Cherokees, they didn't like that because the Creek Indians married into the Negroes and back in that day and time, you know Indian didn't like the Negroes any better than the white people did. And so there was a big conflict and the Creeks, I don't know where they settled, but the Cherokees got drove into