

FAMILY LIFE AND EARLY EXPERIENCES:

(Did ya have brothers and sisters?)

Well, I have just one brother and one sister livin' now. Is all.

(Was this, this place you've got here, was this your allotment?)

No, it used to be my mother's. When she died, she willed me this place.

(You got land though didn't you?)

Yeah.

(Are there any other people around about your age that you know that you knew way back that you could talk old times with?)

Well, would you want whites or Choctaws??

(Either one.)

Well, you wanta see some old timers.

(unin. I'll be in here and out and just visitin' around with the--)

Well, I know quite a few old timers, here. Choctaws and whites, too. That lived here. Well, they lived here. Lot of 'em from Kentucky--years.

(Kentucky?)

Kentucky--territory days. Lot of 'em course they dead. All old ones dead.

There's a few left.

(How old did you say you were?)

Seventy-three.

(Seventy-three. Well, you're not old.)

Just now gettin' my prime.

(Yeah.)

No, marriage is not helpin' me. I ain't just doin' much with else good-- just as good a man as ever was never was much, you know.

(You go to any of the Indian meetings?)

Which--

(Any place.)

Which kind are you talkin' about?

(Just any kind.)

I go once in awhile. Last one I was about seven or eight months or few ago. They