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EARLY LIFE IN THE VERDIGRIS RIVER AREA

(They all enjoyed living though didn't they?)

Oh, yes, course every once in awhile why, they'd get in a little battle. . .

(Well, that was natural I think for the Indians to fight for their beliefs and rights.)

Yes. What they thought was right and really want was right. And those, cause they was the first people that was in here. And if anybody had a right here, why, they did. And these colored people, they had, there was some way that they was provided, somebody, their neighbors had the foresight enough to help the people that couldn't help themselves, and I got in the habit of that. And so I go around yet, and I find people that don't get what they ought to. Well, I find out somebody that's willing to help and that's where I spend a lot of my money is trying to help somebody.

(You've had a lot of experiences up and down Vergris River too, haven't you?)

Yes, I have.

(That's good fishing and hunting country over there.)

Yeah, you can. And I'll tell you the truth. . . when you can't get fish to bite in that Vergris River, there's no use for you to go to the Lake. Because when they're not biting over there, they just ain't biting. And so you can go right up the river there, west from where I live there, and you can catch those rock bass, and they're as pretty a fish as you can catch anywhere. And, I catch them right there, just toward the Ranch, I catch them. There is lots fish there. When you get out of them rocks you don't catch those fish, you