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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

June 11, 1968. We are visiting with Lucy Croaker, a 93 year old Cherokee, at Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. She relates many experiences and events in her life. She begins this interview by telling of her grandmother and her mother.)

EARLY DAY HARDSHIPS - GRANDMOTHER CARRIES A 50 POUND SACK OF FLOUR

(And that was full blood?)

Yes.

(Her name was--)

Tsi-ko-li-

(And what was her first name?)

I never did know her first name. My grandmother--she wouldn't come to the Territory. And she did go from Georgia and went to Kentucky. Her name was Branstetter. And old grandma Shipley, she settled in Fort Gibson.

(You say she couldn't talk English when she came here?)

No. There was very few Indians in here then you know, full-bloods. (Static)

Grandma was about the only Indian woman lived in there for awhile. She

lived over there between here and Hulbert near what they call Hot Springs.

She told me she had gone to Fort Gibson and carried 50 pound sack of flour

on her shoulder in time of Civil War. They lived up close to Tahlequah then

and said she'd walk to Fort Gibson. That was in the Creek Nation.

(Yes.)

And we lived over there at Broken Arrow and there's an old lady--her name was

Oma Perryman. Mr. Perryman was part Creek and part Negro. But she was full

blooded Creek. It was just her child and her family and two more that was