

LIFE HISTORY DATA:

(You said the other day you were how old?)

Well, I'm sixty five right now. See, this next month I'll be sixty six. But I'm sixty-five right now.

(Then you were born in 19--?)

1902.

(And how about your wife, what year was she born?)

She was born in 1900, I think. She's a little older than I am.

(What's your wife's first name?)

Ethel.

(Where were you born, Joe?)

Well, I was born between Anadarko and Gracemont. The old camp when it first started Camp Creek, they call it. A little creek.

(Were you living in grass houses then?)

Oh, I wouldn't know, you know. Quite a few. What do you mean, the time I was born?

(Yeah.)

Well, there might have been over about, between fifteen hundred and two thousand. Just what I knew, you know. I didn't know.

(Where there that many people up there at Camp Creek?)

Well, just a close relatives. They was all relatives. My grandma's, ah--she had three brothers.

(Did you grow up at Camp Creek, too?)

Well, yeah. I was raised there, till we got to, you know. Oh, we was there a long time, just camp you know. We didn't have no, no way of house. No houses, then, you know. Afterwards, you know, we lived in grass houses, I don't know how long. But we used them a all the time, you know. Pretty hard to build, you know, Yougot to take the--well, work. Might be more work than carpenter.

(Could you tell me what the camp looked like, do you remember, when you were young?)

Well, some of them had--you know, used tipis and tents. But, they used tipis