

(You were born here in this country, community?)

EARLY DAYS - PREACHERS - SCHOOLS

I was born between here and Gideon. I moved here when I was four years old.

I was a year old when I moved here. 77 years. I was year old when I moved.

(The country was kinda rough in those days wasn't it?)

I reckon it was.

(No roads, no nothing.)

No, nothing. That's about 5 or 6 miles down south of here.

(--- Johnson Prairie too? Now where is it located?)

About right north of Moody.

(Right north of Moody.)

It's about southwest of (not clear) two miles. (Words not clear.)

(Back in those early days who were the Indian leaders here in this Moody community? Do you remember any of those, old timers?)

No, I don't remember. I know they had somebody. I know when anybody die or got sick they would call my daddy. He done that part of it for the community.

(Who was the Indian preacher then?)

Let's see now. I believe a man by the name of John Beats and Louis Beats.

Louis went crazy. He got over it and still preached a long time. A fellow

named Bird, lived here north of Hulbert come down here and preached. Bill

Bird, I believe, Gideon, Peggs, Lowrey, and Scraper. I guess that's

about the only schools there were.

(Schools were far apart in the early days then?)

Yeah.

(It was hard for the Indian children to get an education, too, the way they were scattered out. Is this your original Indian allotment here?)