

(Well, how old are you, Mr. Guess? Or can you tell that?) (Laughter)

I'm 58.

MORE ABOUT FAMILY

(Fifty-eight. I bet times have changed a lot since you were born down in Little Kansas, fifty-eight years ago.)

No, I was born down in a little place they call Topsy, Oklahoma, Prairie, some people called it. It's between Spavinaw and Jay.

(Uh-huh)

On number 20 hi-way. It is now.

(Yeah)

But then there wasn't anything, hardly.

(Un-hun. How did people make a living back then, like your Mom and your Dad?)

Well, just picking up jobs first one place and another.

(Did they have their own place. I mean like Cherokee land that had been allotted?)

Yeah, they sold out though. They sold out everything. This place where they're living now, there at Kansas, I bought that place myself.

(Uh-huh. But somehow or other their land got off of restricted land and they sold it, huh?)

Yeah.

(Well back then were there many white people living there in that community or was it mostly Cherokee?)

Well, most of us was Cherokee.

(Uh-huh.)

There wasn't very many white people then.