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Side A

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(Your name and what tribe you are and how old you are.)

(The very first conversation is very light. It is not pertinent to the interview, however.) Let's see, where were we?

EARLY DAYS BEFORE GOING AWAY TO SCHOOL

(Where were you born?)

On the Spring River. And it was quite a noted place. It was a stop-over. The old village blacksmith shop. And that's where they - people came around, you know, from the different parts of the country to have their horses shod, you know. And then, the soldiers were camped north of Baxter Springs, Kansas, and they traveled down in through there. And a lot of them would come down and have their horse shod there, too, and I used to stand, you know, and watch them as they went by the house. They had to go by our house and on down to Seneca. And so, anyway, it seems like our place, that Aunt Francis entertained quite a few people, you know, going back and forth, because we was there, you know and they would want a drink or probably wanted a bite to eat. And she would try and have, you know, something. And so, anyway, I was - 'course then finally, after I became of school age, why they - I had to go to school, and that part of it I didn't like. I didn't want to leave my aunt. But however, they came around and they got us, you know, in the buggy, and took us down to Wyandotte. So, of course, it just broke Aunt Francis's heart but she knew - she had to give me up sometime, you know. So, anyway, why we stayed there. And of course, we got to come home on holidays like Christmas, you know, and then when school was out, then we came home. And from there on, why then I just, well, just stayed there, of course, with my aunt, and I didn't leave home at all until - Then after a certain age I think