

Oh, he's been dead longer than that. 'Cause they've been working on these claims that long and they haven't got them through yet. (

(Is that they way it's still organized?)

Yeah, it's still organized? I resigned, I quit. I worked till I got one payment and I thought that was all I would live to spend so I quit.

Fay: Maybe a 100 years - - (laughter)

FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE TRIBES

(Did all of the tribes get along?)

Oh, we didn't have no trouble with any of them.

(Did you see each other very much?)

Oh yeah, we used to have a stomp ground over here on the creek we had dances over there when I was a boy. In spring and summer. And the government forbid us from having them meetings. We quit, but I can show the exact spot where the stomp grounds was.

(It's gone?)

No, they, the ground is still there. Yeah, they used to have Indian dances.

(Why did the government forbid it?)

Well, I don't know, they didn't want the, they wanted to civilize the Indian. They didn't want them to go back to their old methods.

(Were there government people around here or were you just sorta on your own?)

Oh, we were on our own.

INDIAN POLICE AND ONE INCIDENT

(Didn't they have Indian police?)

Yeah, they used to have Indian police many years ago. My father was Indian police. And he gimme his pistol he used to carry when he was police. And one of my nephews or two stole it. I don't know which one of them, but they both were staying at my place down here. So came a rain one day, and I thought I'd get it out and oil it up, you know, I hadn't have it in my