

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

You want me to hold that.

(No I could hold it.)

(Laughter)

(You can if you want to. Whatever's easier for you.)

Well my name's Charles M. Demo.

(And what tribe are you?)

I'm of the Miami tribe of Oklahoma. I was born in Indian territory in, on October 15, 1887. About what is now two miles west what is now Commerce, Oklahoma. And it was on the Pooler allotment, I grew up. About two and a half miles from where I was born, about a quarter of a mile where I have lived on my present allotment for sixty years.

EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD

I went to, school was in those days, were very rare. I never went to school, till I was, started to school till I was ten years old. And one day my father came home from Miami and he said, "You're going to start to school on Monday." Said, "Mr. Tyler has brought the old grandpa Richardville place," which is a two story house and, "He's going to let them have one room upstairs to hold school in." And that was my first schooling. And then I, after that school was over. I went to a little old log cabin up on the river. Just had one door and one window in it, plyboard seats. And there I went to school for one term. And then we went to Miami. We drove when it was, back and forth, horses or else rode them, when it was pretty weather. And after it got bad we boarded in Miami with my mother's sister, Mrs., the Pooler's, Mary Pooler. And that's the only experience I ever had living in town, for a week at a time. And I was happy when