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(We're in the home of Mr. Joe Attocknie in Oklahoma City. Mr. Attocknie is Comanche. And he's going to tell right now, a little bit about himself.)

(Joe, when were you born?)

September 13, 1911 is the way the agency has me down. I was born in Apache, Oklahoma what is--was born the way the Indians had their children. Like we didn't go to no Indian Hospital. I think my mother just was--what they do, done at that time was just build her a separate place to stay during the time. When there's a time grew closer and my father took her to her mother's and I was delivered there. So her assistants probably were tribal midwife. Which is what they used at thertime. There were certain woman given that duty. When somebody baby was expected they would go after this woman. And my grandmother was one of these women. They came after us from uh--people some as far away as what is now Indianahoma, and Cache and (word not clear) come to her. Hog Creek some people came-- Hog Creek which is next to Anakarko. And uh--she somehow I guess, was looked upon because she was one of the older members of the tribe at that time. And I believe the agency carried her as being born about-- I'm talking about (speaks Comanche name). My father's mother. (Repeats grandmother's name in Comanche). I believe I spoke about her before. She is--it means 'where they used to capture'. (Words not clear): The name is somebody arrived at the scene and captured aheenemy. And my grandmother was named for this incident. And she also was a good musician. Good singer, good--she knew many songs. And after she became older and was left at home more with me as her company, why she spent lot of her time singing. Passing her time by singing. And as she sang each song