

INTRODUCTION

(This is August 12, 1969. This is Leonard Maker, Osage, field worker for the American Indian Institute of the University of Oklahoma. I am this day in Anadarko, Oklahoma. We have the--my duty to escort Mr. Scott Momaday, the Exposition's outstanding Indian of 1969. We are honored to escort him and see to it that he is made comfortable at all times. Now I am going to have Mr. Momaday--we will interview him on our way back to Chickasa. And from there we will go to Oklahoma City, where we will catch a plane. He is due to in Minneapolis, Minnesota where he is associate with the department of-- at the University where he will lecture. And at this time we will have the interview.)

EARLY LIFE IN OKLAHOMA AND ARIZONA

(You were born in?)

Lawton.

(Lawton.)

Yeah. I was born in Lawton and lived at my grandmother's place at Mountain View for a year and then my parents started working with the Indians service in 1935. And they moved out to Arizona. So I went--I grew up on a Navaho reservation. We lived for a time at Tuba City at Chinle and at Shiprock. And I lived for a time on the San Carlos reservation which is way down in southern Arizona.

(I bet there was lots Indians there?)

Yeah. Have you ever been on a Navaho reservation?

(Yeah.)

It's interesting country.

(I never been down to the San Carlos area. Our superindendent at the Osage agency, he was at San Carlos.)