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Index side B, recording time 2 minutes; interview time 1 hour.

Informant: Lizzie Norman, 73-year-old full blood Cherokee, Sand Fork Community, Adair County, Okla.

Subject: By today's measure the Norman home is far removed from the speed and hurry of 1969. Miles back in the hill country, with few neighbors, these people live a happy and contented life. Typical of the homes built long ago, theirs too reflects the taste of three-quarters of a century or more ago. The kitchen and eating area in one section, and the living and sleeping rooms in another, under one roof and joined with a breezeway. The breezeway serves many purposes. Here the hunting dogs get in out of the rain or hot sun, a hen finds an empty box suitable for a nest and to lay her egg, sparrows sit up on the ceiling joists and chirp contentedly, and the chairs and benches provide sufficient comfort for visitors or for quiet sitting.

Lizzie Norman was born 73 years ago and has lived here ever since. Her father was William Switzer, who had served in the Civil War. Her mother was Lucy White, who came from the Ah-ke-li-ti family.

Of course the breezeway of their home looks out across a clearing, the edge of which is a ritchie's mountain. The house and the breezeway are built on a hill, the ritchie's mountain. The house is on the south side of the hill, the breezeway on the north side. The view is a beautiful one.

Just west of the house is the Switzer family, and just east of the house is the White family. Most of them are still living here. The house is old, but it is still a good place. I don't know of any other houses like this, no one lives here. The house is built on a hill, and they live on it. The house is a part of the land, but to a city dweller it would seem to be a rather remote and perhaps a little bit of a hardship.

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Still, even though the house is old, the family have a variety of live stock, chickens, pigs, and little pigs of all colors and kinds. The house is built on a hill, and they live on it. The house is a part of the land, but to a city dweller it would seem to be a rather remote and perhaps a little bit of a hardship.