

Informant: Belle Connor, Creek
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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(I'm at Mrs. Bell Connors, Eufaula, Oklahoma, October 10, 1969. We are going to do some visiting about some of her life in this part of the country. And some of the experiences that she's had as a Creek Indian. Her maiden name was Bell Gray and then it was Connors.)

EARLY DAYS WHEN MOTHER TAUGHT SCHOOL

(When you were a little girl what did you do in the way of spending time? Did they do something special back in those days?)
Well, yeah, lot of things they done. But I don't really know how to start. Still, when I was a little girl we used to--my daddy and mother, we all used to live in a log house, hewed log house. And we lived there until we were almost grown, when my mother died. And she passed away--had--we took a little infant child and we raised her up to be grown. And my mother was a school teacher. And she taught school different places. We all would rent a house and camp and we'd go to Thewahlee (?) and Huchchejaubba (?) and Weogufche (?) all those places she taught school, when I was a child now. And she'd go horseback, you know. And we'd ride behind on the horse and we'd go up there and stay all day and come back home. My daddy was home. He done the work at home. And he took care of the hogs and cattle and we had a pretty good time even at that. We was poor people, but still, we lived, different places. And we was at Thewahlee, my mother taught school there. And I--she sent me after some bread for my sister. And I went back home and went and put on long dress and I put her hat on and went back to the school house and she made me come back. And I had to go back home and get her some bread. I guess she spanked me for that. And so we lived pretty good. I don't remember but--
(speaks Creek)--much. But we was smaller at the time. And we lived at