

hear people get good pay by hour. Long time ago there use to be hardship.

I was about 5 years old when I got my land. Nora (sister) was 3 years old.

She was born 1903.

#### FAMILY NOT RELIGIOUS

(How many were you all in a family?)

Thomas, Abraham, Nora, Wilson, Abler and me. About three kids died. There was hard sickness. I've been blessed this far. Bible says not to follow two masters so I try to follow one and that's Christ. I sure use to believe in medicine at stomp dance too and it was hard to quit. I believe in saving my soul. My grandmothers Dacosha, Nannie, Lundo, Buntha, my father Pilosha, they wouldn't go to church. I remember christians use to come over to talk to them. My brother and I use to go work but mostly we'd be out there wrestling.

#### STOMP DANCE MEDICINE - BALL GAMES - BEHAVIOR RULES

(About the stomp dance, did they keep it sacred?)

Yes, medicine was good, it was doctored and use for good use. If any one died they wouldn't bother stomp dance till four days 'cause it would cause sickness. There use to be little white dogs around stomp dance, if they forget, there would be lots of sickness.

(What about fire a stomp dance, was it doctored?)

Yes, it was doctored. At first they got small twigs and lay them down facing each others, four different ways and start fire and it look like it'd go out but it didn't. I wish I learned to doctor the fire. If it wasn't, it 'cause fever and cause sickness. There's not hardly anyone to do it anymore. There's one man that can do it now. Ball games too, it use to be hard games. They use to stay up all night and make medicine for that. Lots have died that use to play and they use to get hurt too. Like Thomas Deere, Tom Bird, Joshua and lots of others. They use to make us sofky with white corn, sour bread, and we hunt a lot too for rabbit, got fish and work for one dollar a