

And he remembers this lady, used to be Christy Chaubee (?), but she was Christy Francis when she died. He remembered her playing in the primer with the first graders and she was the biggest one of them all. And he told about this lady, when--after he started school, he was about 8 years old and this lady told him that when Siah was small, he used to go around picking huckleberries. That's what he used to eat, maybe for all day. And when the other Indians started to go look for them, Siah had already beat them to it. That was probably all he had to eat, because he was an orphan--he had a father, but they didn't live together and he had a hard time coming up. He just stayed with certain different people and then he had a friend named Woodga (?) McFarland, and they used to be together all the time. But when they were going to school, these white kids use to bother them and he said that even though they told on them, they wouldn't believe them. They took up for the white kids and they always got punished for it. And so to pay back, they used to get out first, jump out the window and run off and wait for the white to start coming home so they could beat them up with a dead limb over their heads. Even girls--he said they used to kick them around because they lied on them. And he was telling that they didn't do anything, but they always got blamed for everything. And so he had a guardian at that time and he told him to just quit school because they were a lot of trouble I guess, at school. But as--I've known him since I've been a little girl. He's--he is a good man and I told him that he might have been just mischievous and he said that, "No, we weren't mean. Them white kids just lied on us. We didn't fight the Indians but just the whites." That's what he was telling. And then he was telling about this Indian medicine--Indian doctors. He said that the people long time ago--the Indians used to use this herbs and roots. That's what the Lord Almighty High fixed them for them to do--to use this medicine, and the whites had their own medicine. And he said Negroes had their own medicine and