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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

Mrs. Sukey Leitka is a ninety-one year old Creek-Seminole Indian. She lives in Seminole, Oklahoma. She was born near Eufaula, Oklahoma, near the Tuskegee Church. And now I am going to interview her about her life history. First I will explain to her about her life history and where she grew up and with whom and all those things. A woman of that age are hard to explain to because she goes on ahead and talks about what she wants to. But Mrs. Leitka does very well to be ninety-one years old. They like to talk.)

(The speak together in Creek language.)

She said her mother died when she was about thirty five years old. Her mother's name was Betsey Jesse Foster. Her grandma's name was Lillie Jesse and she died 115 years old. Little while later, her mother died. Her father died before she was married. They lived around Tuskegee Church near Eufaula when she was a young girl. Her father died at Tuskegee Church yard. After all that, they moved near Wewoka, Oklahoma. They lived in a log house with bare floor. Her father's name Spawnee Harjo, and he was given the name Sam Foster. She had a brother and when her father died, her brother sold all her father's land, and she never did get any of it. She said she never did fool with it to get any cause she didn't know too much about it. Her father was in Civil War. She remembers a little when her father came back from Civil War. Her first husband was Jackson Wolfe. The second husband was Abe Lunka. Her third husband, was Ablen Leitka. She has five kids. All are grown and all living, three sons and two daughters. She has about thirty grand kids, she can't count them all. She has a lot of great grand children. She use to help when they made log houses. All her brothers are buried near Wewoka.