

(I am at the home of Elmer Lusty, at Wewoka, Oklahoma. I am Lucinda Tiger. I am going to interview him. Today is May 19, 1970. He is a Seminole Indian. He is 55 years old, at this time. He was born April 6, 1914. He will speak in his own language. Some places he will speak English.)

(What is your name?)

Elmer Lusty.

(When was you born?)

Sasakwa, Sasawka, Oklahoma. In Seminole County.

(Seminole County. And I'm gonna ask you -- )

And I'm Seminole full blood. That's what I am. And my father is full blood Seminole. He is 83 years old. That's about it. My mother, was (Creek words). I imagine when I was a baby or 'bout four years old somewhere long in there. (Creek words). Last time I've seen her. At one time I thought I saw her, and that was the last time. I was just a little boy, when she left me. I stayed here and there. I stayed with my two grandmas: I had two grandmas, both name Jennie, one name Jennie Harjo and one name Jennie Davis. I stayed with them.

(Well, I wanted to ask you about your life history, you can talk in English or in Creek, it doesn't matter. If you want to keep on talking that's okay, I'll interpret in writing anyway so, if you want to talk about what you been -- )

Where I've been?

(No, when you was a young boy. If you grew-up with your mother, father or if you grew up with your grandma or what you did or how you lived. How you made a living and if you worked, and if you had to work when you were a boy. Or if you had hardship or if you got along good. We'll get to that