

school part later.)

Well, let me say this -- this it's kinda short. Yeah when I was growing up, after my mother left me. I was staying with my grandma, two of them. And sometime my aunt. I was just staying with them. That's the way I went, when I stayed with them they usually, the old folks tell me, to be help to others, that's what they use to say. Help other people and they will like you more. So I used to, even when I was lazy to use to help. They use to make corn and sofky, when they corn get ripe, pick them and put them away. Eat them, went fishing. When I was a child, went fishing. I remember one time when we went fishing. Me and another cousin went down to swim. That's what we were going do, so we went. While the others went fishing. I didn't go fishing, went by the water, thought I just go in. And I went on-- I thought I went in, that's all I know. That evening, 'bout late evening. They went looking for me, that little girl went back to the camp and she said he went in the water, but he never came back up. That's why I came back, she said. Where were you at? They left their fish in the water. They used to, that time, they use to use devils shoestring. They use to use that to get the fish. They would get really big fish, some time 'round 75 to 100 pounds, that how big they were, when I was a child. I used to see that. That's what I use to see, when I was growing up. I was happy. When I went swimming this is the place she said. People didn't use to go to church, that time. My hat was on the bank when they saw it, the feather was on it. That's where they saw it and they knew I was there. They were looking around and found my tracks. They found me about two hours later. About two hours, my uncle Johnson Harjo.

(The uncle tells of the near drowning.)

He said he was gonna fell around. About the second time his uncle got him