T-591-1' Harriett Adkins, Seminole

(I interviewed Harriett Adkins, she is full blood Seminole Indian. She is hard hearing and she said she is old but she didn't know anything. She just goes on talking even if I ask her question.)

CONCERNING BELIEF ABOUT THUNDER

She told about the thunder. She said when it thunders loud and roaring and when it thunders light, its for the twins, its for the twins. Indians say that in one of the twins, one is smart and other don't care for nothing. She said couple Indians were going home long time ago and the creek they were going across was up so they sang a little "Indian Song" to it and creek went down and they went across. She said Indians use to do unbelieveable things long time ago. She told my husband why he came to her, she didn't know nothing, and told him to go see "Losta," and old Indian woman. He says she can't hear and she says, you came to me and I'm hard hearing too. And she laughs a lot.

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Her grandpa Fish came from Florida long ago.

(I asked her for her real name and she laughed. Her nickname is "Achakee".

And she said that's her real name. And her name is Harriett.)

She got back to her grandpa. He came from Florida. He was hiding in a hollow tree and some one found him and raised him. She said me use to wear long dresses. They didn't wear no pants. She said she didn't have much sense. She told about a man getting kill by his wife near the creek and it was made that he killed himself.

She was born close around there where she lives.

She told about Seminoles, where they use to hang them and whipped them if they were found guilty. They use to hang them by the hand and had logs or stumps at the feet so they wouldn't move around, and beat them. She said she use to run off. She told about her father was a captain but he didn't