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JOHN FIXICO, CREEK

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GENERAL SUBJECT: SOME LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS; FAMILY VERY RELIGIOUS, LEARNS TRADE FROM FRENCH AND GERMAN IMMIGRANTS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS ABOUT MEDICINE, ILLNESSES, FAMILY, ETC.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BACKGROUND

STORY OF A MAN ON A HORSE

LIFE HISTORY AND TESTIMONY

TALKS OF INDIAN COOKING AND MORE OF TESTIMONY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

John Fixico, was born on April 10, 1932. He lives in Muskogee and is of the Creek and Seminole tribe. He is a minister and is very interested in the younger preachers of today.

BACKGROUND

(I am in the home of John Fixico. He is a Creek and Seminole tribe. He used to live around Seminole, when he was a boy. I am now going to interview him. He will speak in his own language. What I mean is that he will speak in English. That's not his language, but he will speak in English all the way through. And he has now already started talking so I'm just going to let him go ahead and finish that.)

STORY OF A MAN ON A HORSE

--this horse from him. And on the way back, he said, "Praise the Lord," you know, and this old horse just started running. He said, "Praise the Lord," and this old horse started running just a little faster, you know, and then, he shouted, "Praise the Lord," and this horse just run just hard as he could run. So this old boy was just getting a thrill out of riding. He was out in the open stretch. Finally, that open stretch started closing in on him, and he looked up ahead there, and there's a big old drop-off. You know, he didn't know just exactly what to say. He wasn't too religious himself. He just forgot what all he supposed to say, you know. He sat there a little while,