

(Where did you get the title for it?)

"The Umbilical Cord," well, I think we are all tied, to the spirit part of us. The basic beginning, and that is what I meant by that. In that umbilical cord of my spirit beginning still draws me back to the source of the river, back where the loom keeps spinning and spinning. And I forgot the rest of it. But-- (That's fascinating in other words it would be to me back to your origin--)

That's right. And I think so many time those things come to us. When we something like ties us to early days, when I'm working with flowers or out in the woods. Oh, I don't know. It's the umbilical cord of my spirit pulls me back again and to those times.

(You live on this farm do you? Have you lived here a long time?)

We came here. I came to Rodgers county in 1924. I've been going to school in Muskogee County. And I came over here.

(Did you go to Indian Schools?)

No, I never went to Indian schools. Just regular schools. But anyway, I came here my husband and I were married in 1924, And we lived down there, until 19- and oh it--57, when we moved here. And we've been here since.

(Are there many Cherokee people live around here?)

Not so many. Not like in the Cookson Hills, and where I grew up, not so many.

(The--your book has been recommended, is that the word, for the pulitzer prize?)

It was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. And I didn't get it. I didn't, to me it was the high thrill of my life to be nominated because not many people are ever. And I had forgotten this man's name, the winner of it. But of course, it came out in the paper, he is also listed (end of side A)

(Maggie, my tape ran out, when you were telling me about the book. Do you want to tell me about it some more?)

The Deer book?

(Yes.)

Well, it's the title of it is the Umbilical Cord, and it, the title comes, stems from the fact that all of us are tied to our