

(Mrs. Snake, I would like for you to give me some personal information on your past life before we get into history of the Delaware. We can start with infancy on up through childhood and adulthood. I would like your age to be given where you were born, your parents names, and so forth.)

I don't know when I was born, but plums you know, was just trying to bloom. Plums in them days--I guess it's in March that plums bloom. That's when my mother told me.

(And your mother is over a hundred years old?)

Yeah. She's over a hundred years old and she's still living. And we put her at the rest home.

(So you don't have any idea how old you might be?)

No. And my nephew told me that he was a president of our tribe. See, we all have presidents on our tribes to look after our business. He told me that you can make your own birthday, you know, the date. And I put it on 15th of March. You know, we have to have that.

(Interruption from daughter: How old was you when you registered?)

I asked them down to the office, at that time, you know, they used to give rations to Indians. They give 'em ah, you know, how they do now, give rations to Indians. They give 'em ah, flour and stuff like that. And they had a little card. My mother did--how many children she had. That's how come they look--they trace it up and that's when they find out how old I was. They say I was 83 at that time but I don't know. I guess I'm 84 now. My daddy died before the allotment and my mother got married again. And I got ah--two sisters living and one brother.

(Where were you born?)

Well, my mother told me I was born in Anadarko. By the river somewhere. You know, the people used to camp in them days. You know, camp around.