

Swimmer
Mrs. Lizzie Bearpaw, Cherokee
Stillwell, Oklahoma
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This is Boyce Timmons and I am here at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Bearpaw; South of - West of Stillwell, Oklahoma, on August 17, 1967. We are going to do some visiting, about some of her life that she has had here in this part of the country and some of the experiences that she's had as a Cherokee Indian. She has told me that her first name was Swimmer and then it was Sanders and now it is Bearpaw. And I am here at her home, a beautiful place and we are looking at a chimney in the house that was built in 1895. That chimney still looks good.

Unhunnh. It does, outside.

FARMING AND RAISING CERTAIN FOODS

(Do you remember any family things that you did here? Wayback in the early days? Any events of any kind that took place around here on the farm. Tell us again so I can get it on tape now, about the farming that you did here in the early days that you were telling me awhile ago, about the good farming that you did in the early days.)

In 1941, I believe, when she raised - it looks like three acres, he raised 100 bushels corn.

(Did you raise everything you needed to eat right here?)

Yes. Taters, sweet taters, make kraut.

(Kraut?)

Unhunnh. Beans, tomatoes. We raise everything. I raise this year too. I got kraut, tomatoes, everything. Green beans, you know. I can't raise too.