SIDE I - Dana Chibitty

GENERAL BACKGROUND:

(About how old are you now?) They said I was 72 years old and the other other birthday said I was 69. I don't know which one of them to believe.

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(How come they have two?)

I don't know. I think, if I' not mistaken, it's 1897. I think--it's just what--used to be the Red Store, you know, he owns, the Red Store man, where the Indiansused to trade long ago. He had the record of all the Indians, and that's what he told me, that I was born in 1897, I think that's what he said.

(Was this, Red Store?)

Yes.

(Where was that?)

You know where that hospital is, Indian hospital? It just north from there, north. Way up there, but its all gone now.

(Where were you born?)

Here at Richards Spur, on my grandpa's place, old man Odysiy (sp)/.

(What is your name?)*

My name, Tah-da-tas-i

(Does that have a meaning in English?)

It means "Real Little".

(Is your married name Mary Chibitty?)

My married name is Dana Chibitty.

(Dana?)

Dana Chibitty, but on my office name is Tahadatasi, that's what get my money by, my checks.

(How many people did you have in your family?)

All I know is I had 2 brothers and had 2 sisters and I've got one halfsister; three with her. And my mama and daddy.

(What was your father's name?)

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