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Part 2

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(We introduce Sam Blossom, full blood Cherokee from Salina, Oklahoma. Mr. Blossom has retired and lives with his daughter, he has lived all of his life in this community and now recalls some of his early life and experiences.)

EARLY HOME LIFE

(Where was your original home Sam?)

Well, out here in Salina and Oak Grove, in both towns. My parents, my dad and my mother, my mother owned a lot down here, that is she owned a place, she inherited a place, 30 or 40 acres, just south of town here. (Not clear) raised and after so long and I forget now what year it was, someway or another they separate and he messed around and got into it with another woman over there at Grove and quit my mother when he went over there. Estep Crow was the name. And there use to be three of us. I had two sisters younger then me, myself and dad and mother. And when they had lawsuit over things, well dad, I guess he know it, the law, the boy had to stay with the dad. In them days, I had to stay there, girls have to--the mothers have to take the girls. So he knew those folks, Estep Crow and was moving over there with some woman. And they had me going back and forth to see my mother again, from time to time. I was raised up like that.

(What was your early education?)

Well, you mean when I went to school and what I use to do?

(Yeah.)

WORKED HARD AS A BOY - MADE RAILROAD TIES

I sure worked hard. Stayed till 2 o'clock working. Making railroad ties, that was my, actually was my meal ticket. I remember, I just