

EARLY LIFE AND SCHOOL:

(We're going to visit with Mr. Isaac Jones in Boswell. How long have you lived around here?)

I've been round about here all my life. But been right here, 24 years.

(Were you born around here?)

Huh?

(You were born near Boswell?)

No, around Idabel. About, I was born in Oklahoma but up close to Idabel. And my mother move up here to Unger and that was my stomping ground. Unger.

(Was she on the roll?)

Yeah, uh-huh.

(What was her name?)

Huh?

(What was her name?)

Eliza. Eliza Bacon. This is her old, Bacon, I think.

(um-huh, Eliza.)

Uh-huh. Bacon died and she married and then she died.

(There was a girl named kBacon, named kRamona Bacon, at a Chilocco when I was at Indian school. She was Choctaw. Part Choctaw.)

And you're tryin' to get it on a book, huh?

(Well, I'm puttin' it on tape and later some of it will be put on, into a book.)

Oh, uh huh.

(But you know there are lots more records way back before the Civil War and so what there were records made. But after the Civil War and up to the present there haven't been as many records kept. And so, nobody ask the Indians, you know, what they thought. Most of the history that's been written has just been from the white man's the way he sees it. So we're trying to just ask some people and find out what they think and what they remember. Did you ever go to an Indian school?)

Indian school?