

Uh-huh, yeah.

(You know some like even when I went to Indian school they didn't want you to talk your Indian language, they wanted you to talk English.)

They do that way in some schools I think. Long time ago! But nowadays all of 'em talk English now. All child, on up. Don't know their own language. All English, nowadays.

(You probably learned Choctaw before you learned English, didn't you?)

I don't know how I got hold of English, just get things on credit uptown, I guess.

(Kinda learned it.)

None of my children can't speak their own language, they all English. I got three boys and then that one daughter, Carol, over here. But Carol is the only one that can read Choctaw book and talk Choctaw language. But all the boys is English.

(They went to white schools I guess?)

Um-hum. Yeah. No, they didn't go to white schools. They married white white folks.

(Oh, but they've probably learned English before they were old enough to marry, hadn't they?)

Yeah, I guess so. I don't know why my wife, she speak Choctaw language, and I speak Choctaw language. But the children went to school you know, and just all took up English. And they just kept it all.

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(Where'd they go to school?)

Neighborhood schools.

(Idabel?)

No Oakridge, over here.

(Oh this was after you had moved up here near Boswell?)

No, we've been around Boswell here, you might say all of my life. When I was five years old when my mother moved up to this country here. Down at Unger.

(Um-hum. Do you like horses? Do you have any horses? Do you like horses?)