

(--water, stock water was concerned?)

No shh, entirely , entirely never was. No suh.

(Well, were there many drought years that hurt the farms, crops?)

Well, no suh, not entirely. I 'emember, since you say that, it was one year that turned off pretty dry, and old Chilly Fish's grandfather, Old Man Fish he used to live down dere (southwest), I tell you, where they used to have de council. Now they live on dis side of de creek. You know where the Fish place is down there?

(Yes sir.)

Well, you know where Chilly--dat was west of dat. Dey live west of dere, oh, 'bout half a lmile, I guess. Dey had a st mp dance down dere on Bird Creek. That's where dey used to have stomp dance, and dey used to be a big hole of water dere, you know, when they having their stomp dance, they go in there, you know, swim and so on.

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So it was gettin' pretty dry one year and it musta been 'long in August, latter part of July, so they had the stomp dance down dere. Old man Fish told 'em dat if every man would give him a barrel of corn, he'd make it rain. So, heh, heh, heh, finally on dat day--cose de news went l jus like wildfire, you know, all over the settlement; all 'round Mekusukey, up dere, that's 'round Seminole now, and everywhere. So, ah de day dat he set for dem to meet him dere, come down dere to dat hole of water, so the folks gathered from every direction, you know. I was wtaing with my uncle , King Cudjo, dere. He got up dat morning and say, "Well, Dave, let's go down dere to Old Fish, Old Man Fish, he say he goin' to make it rain today. I'd like to know what in thehell he got to do with 'God's business," he said. Heh, heh, heh.

(Did he take a barrel of corn?)

Well, I ain't finished. So ah, we went down dere. Well, when we got down dere to dat hole, he yet wasn't dere. Folks just standing up all around it, you know, on the edge of the bank dere, and he was living in dat old log hut, back dis way. Look and see him comin'. He come down dere and he had