

Stay there a week, or stay there one year, stay there two years. Cose, when you got ready to move from there, you couldn't sell da land; sell yield, though, improvements on. That's all you could dol. And maybe you don't move but a half mile, or mile, away from where you was.

(There was plenty of water, plenty of feed,--)

--Oh yeah.

(--plenty of game?)

There was plenty of everything. If anybody had tell me, well, I say back that far, that the time woulda been now, like it is, I never woulda belived it. I wouldn't think it's gonna be that way. There was plenty in the country, plenty.

(And people, generally, shared?)

Shared, yes suh, shared. Now you could eat meat of different kind every day, if you wasn't too lazy to get out and kill it. Yes suh, every day, if you want it.

(Did n't you te'l me that when you first remembered life in the Seminole Nation when you we'e eight or 10 years old, that the Indians generally hunted with bows and arrows?)

Bows and arrows is right, you tole that right.

(When did guns become more common in this country?)

Well, it never was so common with young folks, you know--I mean de old folks. But it, ah, young folks didn't hardly care, but I guess, 'til way up to statehood.

(The Seminole law was real strict about guns?)

Yes suh, yes suh. Well, I, parents was. dey was stricter den de law was. Cose you could carry a gun, if you had one. Now I remember de times I done dat myself, when dey had de store dere at Wawoka. I carry my six-shooter, you know, and buckle it round my saddle horn, go on in de store.

(Did you carry a gun for protection, mostly?)