

INFORMANT: SIXKILLER PICKUP, CHEROKEE

STANDING ROCK COMMUNITY IN MAYES COUNTY

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April 8, 1968. Today we are visiting with Sixkiller Pickup, a 39 year old full-blood Cherokee of Standing Rock Hollow of Mayes County. He has lived all of his life in this community. And now he'll relate his experiences and observations. Mr. Pickup is a widower and is raising his eight children.

INDIAN MEDICINE FROM WILD CHERRY TREE BARK AND FROM SASSAFRAS ROOTS

((Referring to trees...)) (What do you call that one?)

Cherry, wild cherry.

(You just use the bark to make Indian medicine?)

Yeah. For bad colds. Just boil it up and drink, just as good as medicine.

(What other kind do you use now?)

Well, that's all I know - just for colds.

(How about for a stomache ache, what do you use?)

I don't know.

(Sassafras, you use sometimes for blood?)

Yeah. It's pretty good, too. We used to drink a lot of that.

FATHER WAS A FARMER AND A PREACHER

(Your father's name, uh -- he was Joe Pickup?)

Yeah.

(And your mother's name?)

Katie.

(What was the name of this place where they lived?)

Lillie Wilson -

(This is all Standing Rock Hollow?)

Yeah. Standing Rock Hollow right now.

(When you were a small boy, what did you all do in them days? Did you all hunt-