

I remember when I was little and the government came and told us to move. They said, "This is government land. Going to be a school here. So you people pick out any land you want around here and we'll move this house over there." So my father got that land across the creek there, this land. Then they moved that house over here. They took away all the land that we claimed. They said it was a school land. They was going to put Rainy Mountain there, see? Instead of that they got way off, and that land is still laying there.

(Is that the land that's under the lake--Lake Lawtonka?)

Yeah. It's all under that lake. Just across that little Medicine Creek, we live right there. Comanches used to live up that way, farther that way. They told him to move and he move back with all my uncle, my father's step-brother. That was when I was small. I was born and raised around here.

(When were you born?)

1896 or '94. The folks don't know. And they want to put me on the roll, and my mother and father went, and my father was asking when I was born, and he said, "When the blackberries got ripe." I didn't know. Have to laugh about it. I just appointed my own date. I said June 20. And the Agent said, "Well, what is her name?" And he said, "Igisisays." And that's the way I'm on the roll.

(What does that mean?)

Old Indian name. It mean, "they delayed him." It means that.

(How did you get that name?)

I think that Old Man Paodai some of my kin folks, White Horses father. I think he named me that, when I was just a baby. That's the way they named me in the agency and that's the way I go right now. Igisaya, that's a long name.

(Could you tell me about when you first got married?)