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Informant: Sunday Christie, Cherokee

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(August 15, 1968. Today I am visiting with Sunday Christie a 62 year old Cherokee of Peggs Prairie Community. Also his mother, Jenny Christie who is 88 years old and a full-blood Cherokee. At the beginning of this interview, Mrs. Christie tells first about the loss of their home several years ago. She tells about her experience in the white man's hospital.)

Jenny Christie: --and all my brothers pick their way off somewhere. I don't know--why he come here four years ago and give 'em big dinner and he went back. I went down there and my grandson come in. (not clear) "Somebody coming", he said. I said "Who was it?" "I don't know, why off they come from". I just sit there asking. "Here he is", he said. Well, oh--(Laughter) I'll be 88 next month, the 11th. And my brother is 72. He use two walking sticks and I use one.

(You just use one walking stick?)

Sometime I don't use it.

(No walking stick.)

Uhuh. (sentence not clear). One slice rye bread, no coffee. I said "I'm going to walk back home." And my cousin, in there he called for my daughter to come and get us.

NUMEROUS RATTLESNAKES IN EARLY DAYS

(Was rattlesnakes just everywhere you looked?)

Everywhere--yes.

(--course up here on this woody prairie, it's dry and hot and a