



BIOGRAPHY FORM  
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 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Augusta H. Custer

This report made on (date) August 19 1937

1. Name Lucy Lumpmouth

2. Post Office Address Geary, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) Four and a half miles southwest  
 Geary.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_

5. Place of birth Geary, Oklahoma

6. Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Other information about father \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Mother Big Woman Place of birth Oklahoma

Other information about mother Member of Arapaho Tribe

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached \_\_\_\_\_

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Lucy Lumpmouth, Arapaho Indian,  
Geary, Oklahoma

I like to make moccasins and do other bead work. These moccasins I have made are a special order for a woman in Seminole. They were to be made almost alike as they are presents for three little girls. The background is white, and the designs are of red and blue beads. These designs do not mean anything special, nor are they symbols of anything. I just like them and think they are pretty.

We buy the buckskin now and get the beads from Concho. The soles are of rawhide. I have a large needle which is fastened to a wooden handle. This is an awl, and used to make holes in the buckskin so that the sinew will pass through. I hardly ever string on more than six small beads at one time.

Moccasins will not wear long if they become wet because this causes the stitches that hold the soles on to the tops to break.

I make comb cases also. These are about eight by twelve inches. They have a two inch flap that covers the opening and are beaded on the front. The one I have is made on an old boot top. The leather buckskin handle is attached to the top and there is a three-inch fringe

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on the bottom of the bag or case.

These moccasins are worth four dollars, and at Colony they sell for six dollars.

#### Marriage Customs

When a couple wants to get married, they let it be known to members of their family. They do not keep company as white boys and girls do. The young Indian boy will do as many nice things for the girl's parents as he can, and if he has anything, will make them presents. The girl will then go to his home and stay a while. He then takes her back to her home, and the parents give the couple all that they can afford to give them.

The ceremony is the same as all other weddings now, but there is a tribal ceremony that is different. We always have a feast and all the friends come. At some time the couple stand and the girl gives the man an ear of corn. This signifies that she is willing to work in his field and prepare his food. He gives her a piece of meat which signifies that he will provide meat or food for the family. Then the couple are married.