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WILLIAM BEAVER
INFORMANT'S ADDRESS: TROUT LAKE
ALBERTA
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HIGHLIGHTS:

- A very brief interview with this 66 year old man.
- Duration of occupation of Trout Lake area.

This is Harry Daniels and Gordon Lee from the Treaty Rights Research of Indian Association of Alberta in Trout Lake. The 14 of March interviewing Paul Powder and William Beaver.

Inter: Could you tell us how old you are?

Answer: Yes, I am 66 years old.

Inter: When did you come and live here?

Answer: About 45 years ago.

Inter: Where did you live, before you came here?

Answer: At Wabasca.

Inter: Did you remember in the past if there was a reserve or if the people were promised of any reserve?

Answer: I don't rightly know.

Inter: How about these Indian people or is it only Indian people that live here? Or else, is there any others besides Indian people? This is why I am asking you, how long ago, were the Indian people living here, where you are now living?

Answer: It must have been quite a while ago. They were living here before when I got here. Some died from old age and the others I did not see. My great-grandfather lived here, and the man that ran the store here died, I did not see him.

Inter: About how many years ago was this?

Answer: I don't really know. It must have been a long time ago, I couldn't say for sure.

Inter: Do you think that it must be over a hundred years ago?

Answer: It must be over 100 years ago, maybe more.

Iner: There is a cemetery here, which they say that it was quite a number of years ago. Could you tell about it?

Answer: Just across the hills there is a grave where the storekeeper was buried and his old lady. So are lots of others, who were buried there.

Inter: Is there anything, which the old timers talked about, how long they had lived here?

Answer: My grandfather had lived here, right in the same house I am living in. They had died here, grandfather and grandmother also. They had lived in Wabasca till finally they moved here and both died here.

Inter: Why did the people come here and why they lived here?

Answer: It must have been pretty good for a living, lots of game, fish, fur. Maybe that's why they came to live here for.

Inter: About the first treaty that were made. Could you tell us how they made the treaty and why they took up the treaty?

Answer: That! I couldn't very well tell, because I don't remember when the treaty came.

Inter: Did you hear anything about it?

(End of Interview)

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