

DOCUMENT NAME/INFORMANT: JOSEPH NANOCH  
INFORMANT'S ADDRESS: FOX LAKE  
ALBERTA  
INTERVIEW LOCATION: FOX LAKE  
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TRIBE/NATION: CREE  
LANGUAGE: CREE  
DATE OF INTERVIEW: AUGUST, 1978  
INTERVIEWER: ROGER NANOCH  
INTERPRETER: ROSE SADDLEBACK  
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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 70 years old.  
- Understanding of Treaty 8 in relation to hunting and trapping. (Much of tape inaudible)  
Roger: Where were you born?

Joseph: Across the river from here (Note: not explicit as to exact location).

Roger: How old are you?

Joseph: I am 70 years old presently.

Roger: What were your parents' names?

Joseph: (Inaudible)

Roger: Where were they born?

Joseph: I'm not too sure, but I think they came from Wabasca and stayed here permanently. (Note: Named various points where they stopped en route to Fox Lake area).

Roger: Do you recall some of the Treaty signatories?

Joseph: I don't know their names.

Roger: How did they make their livelihood? Was it by hunting,

etc.?

Joseph: Yes. We were faced with difficult times. We survived through hunting, fishing, trapping. It was difficult to make a living in those days. I came through with a lot of training and experience in my lifetime.

(NOTE: He was talking about their lifestyle, i.e.: hunting, fishing and trapping.)

Roger: What was the treaty?

Joseph: I don't recall the year it was signed. It must be over 60 years ago.

Roger: Where and when was it signed?

Joseph: It was signed at \_\_\_\_\_ but the annuity payments were given here (Little Red River). My grandfather stated the exact location where they would assemble to receive their treaty annuity, close to a Hudson's Bay store. It is just recently when our reserve was extended.

Roger: Who was the chief at the time?

Joseph: The chief was \_\_\_\_\_. He's been a chief for as long as I can remember. He is deceased.

Roger: Did the interpreters properly interpret the treaty to the Indian people?

Joseph: They were afraid of the government rules. They understood that the treaty promises would last forever. "As long as the sun shines, the rivers flow, etc." The treaties would never be broken.

When the government came to negotiate with the Indian people he promised that the Indian would be taken care of in exchange for giving up their land. They were to share the land with other people - new settlers. We were given our reserves.

Roger: What about the Wood Buffalo Park? Were the people hunting in that area--was it their hunting area prior to making it into the park?

Joseph: The chief and council had requested land over there.

Roger: When was the park confirmed?

Joseph: I was about 11 years old when it became a park.

Roger: When was the additional land given out, the recent one?

Joseph: We were interested in obtaining additional land strictly for hunting and trapping. We requested land at the vicinity of the park.

Roger: Was there any harassment prior to getting the land?

Joseph: No comment

Roger: What about schools?

Roger: When was the L.R.R. given the extra land? How did they get it?

Joseph: (inaudible)...the population is increasing.

We are in a bind. We have to follow the laws of the country. Those people have been living there for a long period of time now (at Garden River).

Roger: At the time of the survey who surveyed it? Was it government officials?

Joseph: I don't believe we can find a person living now who actually witnessed the events leading to the treaty signing.

NOTE: Most of the tape is inaudible. It is sad that the majority of this tape is inaudible. There is a lot of valuable information that is missed. There are certain words that catch the ear, but because of the incompleteness of the sentences, especially the last portion of the tape, it wasn't transcribed.

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