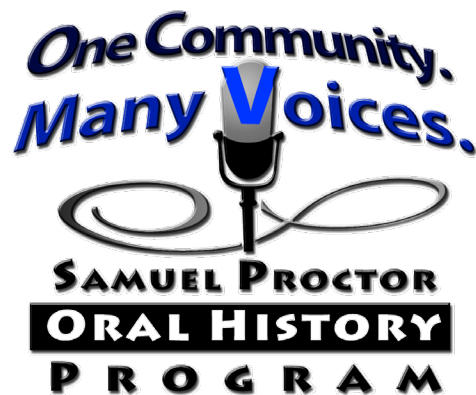


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Abstract: Milton Greg Osborn, a nine-year-old, mentions that he lives in the house Chief Samuel Taylor Blue used to live in and shares some information about both sides of his family. Osborn describes what his family does for Christmas and what it is like going to school. He discusses the household chores that he does and being baptized last year by his father, who is a bishop in the Mormon Church. Osborn closes the interview by mentioning that he has made pottery before and describing what is done with the clay before it is worked into pottery.

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Interviewee: Milton Greg Osborn

Interviewer: Edith Frances Canty Wade

Date of Interview: October 14, 1974

W: This is Frances Wade. I live on Route 3, Box 304, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Today is October 14, 1974. I'm gathering the oral history of the Catawba Indians for the University of Florida. Today I am talking with Greg Osborn. Greg, what is your full name?

O: Milton Greg Osborn.

W: Where do you live, Greg?

O: Route 3, Box 325, right across the road from the Mormon church, and I live in the house that Chief Sam Blue used to live in.

W: I'd like to tell you just a little bit about the place where Greg lives. He lives in a green frame house. Chief Blue used to live there. It's just beyond the old reservation. It's on what was considered the new reservation until it was divided. This place was sold by another Indian and Greg's parents bought it. Greg, who are your parents?

O: Sherry Geraldine Wade and Milton **Flynn** Osborn.

W: Are your parents Indians?

O: My mother is and my father isn't.

W: What brothers do you have?

O: My oldest brother, Todd, and the youngest brother, Jason.

W: I believe you're the oldest brother, aren't you? How old are you, Greg?

O: Nine.

W: What sisters do you have?

O: I have one sister, Amber.

W: And what kind of work does your father do?

O: He's a **pruner**.

W: No, he's not a pruner, I don't believe, is he? He's a foreman, isn't he?

O: A foreman?

[Break in recording]

O: At the Rock Hill **Printing and Finishing**.

W: Greg, does your mother work?

O: No.

W: Who are your grandparents, Greg? On your mother's side, we'll start with.

O: Frances Wade and Gary Wade.

W: And on your father's side?

O: Milton Osborn and Renee Osborn.

W: Does Gary and Frances live on the reservation?

O: Yes.

W: Where do your other grandparents live?

O: Escalante, Utah.

W: Have you ever been to Escalante, Utah?

O: Yes.

W: How many times have you been there? Have you been there three times or four?

Can you remember?

O: No.

W: Greg, what is it like at your house during Christmas?

O: Well, we have a Christmas tree and Mama cooks cakes and cookies and candy. We go down to my grandma's house and we exchange gifts, and we hear stories about the birth of Jesus, and we have drinks and cookies and sandwiches.

W: Then you go home and wait for Santa Claus to come, right?

O: Yes.

W: Greg, when were you born?

O: December 26, 1964.

W: That means you have a birthday the day after Christmas, doesn't it?

O: Yes.

W: Do you go to school?

O: Yes.

W: What grade are you in?

O: Fourth.

W: Where do you go to school?

O: Lesslie Number One.

W: Do you make good grades in school?

O: Yes.

W: What's your best subject?

O: Math.

W: You like math better. Who is your teacher?

O: My homeroom teacher is Miss **Hope**, and my math and reading teacher is Miss Simpson.

W: How do you get to school?

O: By bus.

W: Do the students and the teachers know you're an Indian?

O: Yes.

W: How do they treat you?

O: Treat me nice.

W: Greg, I know you have work to do around your house. What kind of work do you help your parents do?

O: Well, I feed the dogs and I rake leaves and I feed the pig and I have to keep my room clean and I have to carry out the trash.

W: You talk about, "I feed the dogs." What kind of dogs do you have?

O: Great Danes.

W: How many do you have?

O: Four.

W: Do you go to church, Greg?

O: Yes.

W: Are you a member of a church?

O: Yes.

W: What church do you belong to?

O: Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints.

W: When did you become a member?

O: Last year.

W: Did you have to be a certain age before you could become a member?

O: Yes, I had to be eight.

W: How did you become a member of the church?

O: Being baptized.

W: When you say you was baptized, what happened to you?

O: I was submerged under the water.

W: You were put completely under the water?

O: Yes.

W: Who baptized you?

O: My daddy.

W: Your daddy. What position does your daddy hold in the Mormon church here at Catawba?

O: He's a bishop.

W: And the bishop has charge of the whole congregation, doesn't he?

O: Yes.

W: Greg, are you proud to be an Indian?

O: Yes.

W: Do you tell other people that you're an Indian?

O: Sometimes I do.

W: Does your mother teach you that you're an Indian?

O: Yes.

W: Does your mother make pottery?

O: Yes.

W: Can you work in clay?

O: Yes, a little bit.

W: What can you do?

O: I can make some little pots and **boats**.

W: What do you do with the clay before you try to make any pottery with it?

O: You have to work it up and let it dry a little bit before you work in it.

W: Well, there was something else that you did to the clay, with a sifter, with a screen wire.

O: We had to take some kind of clay and we'd have to take a screen and sift it to the stove.

W: What do you do with the clay after it is sifted?

O: We mix it with another clay.

W: And then it's ready to make pottery with, isn't it? Greg is a young man who does not really look too much like an Indian. He has dark brown hair. He has big brown eyes, but he has a complexion more like his father's.

[End of interview]

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