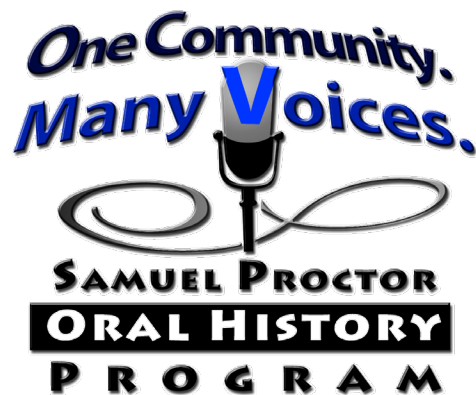


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Abstract: Kimberly Brady, a seventeen-year-old, was preparing to move to Pontiac, Michigan, at the time of this interview. She speaks about her secretarial work for both the Tribal office and the Catawba Regional Planning Council. She comments on the current government and pollution. Brady was married in 1972, has a nineteen-month-old son, and is moving to Michigan to be closer to her father, who she has not seen in over six years.

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Interviewee: Kimberly Sue Brady

Interviewer: Edith Frances Canty Wade

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

Today is July 19, 1975. I am gathering oral history of the Catawba Indians for the University of Florida and today I'm talking with Kim Brady. Kim, what is your full name?

B: Kimberly Sue Brady.

W: When were you born?

B: October 19, 1958.

W: Who are you parents?

B: Faye George and George Garland.

W: Are they Indians?

B: Yeah.

W: What kind of Indians are they?

B: My dad's Cherokee, and my mom's Catawba.

W: Who are your grandparents?

B: Marvin George and Evelyn George, and I don't know my dad's.

W: Are these people Indians?

B: Yeah.

W: They're Catawba Indians also?

B: Yeah.

W: What brothers or sisters do you have?

B: Steve, Ted, and Bruce.

W: Would you tell me their ages?

B: Bruce is twenty-one, Ted's twenty-two, and Steve's fifteen.

W: What kind of work does your father do?

B: He works at GMC in Pontiac, Michigan.

W: Is that making cars?

B: Mmhm.

W: What kind of work does your mother do?

B: Cosmetology.

W: Can you remember hearing your momma tell any of the old stories about Indians that she has heard from her parents?

B: Just one. [Laughter]

W: Do you want to tell me about it?

B: I don't remember all of it. She just telling me about where something used to jump up out of the bridge and ride on cars and stuff down at the reservation. We was coming home that night.

W: When you were much younger, Kim, what kind of duties did you have to perform at your house?

B: Washing dishes, making the beds, I reckon that's all.

W: What was your home like when you were just real young?

B: We lived in a duplex and lived with our landlady and had dogs **and stuff**.

W: Where did you live?

B: Pontiac, Michigan.

W: Were you born in Michigan?

B: Uh-huh.

W: Do you belong to a church, Kim?

B: Yeah.

W: What church do you belong to?

B: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

W: Are you active in church?

B: Not now.

W: Where did you go to church when you went?

B: In town.

W: In Rock Hill?

B: Uh-huh.

W: Are you in school now?

B: Not right now. I'm going back this fall.

W: What do you especially like about school?

B: Math, I reckon.

W: Is that your easiest subject?

B: Uh-huh.

W: What is your hardest subject?

B: English.

W: And what school did you last attend?

B: Northwestern.

W: That's a high school in Rock Hill. Have you had any other training that would help you get a job?

B: Just where I worked this summer, for the Tribal office.

W: All right, why don't you just tell all you can about the Tribal office and where you worked and how you got the job and where you are now presently working?

B: Well, the Tribal office is down just about on the reservation and it's a trailer. And Frances Wade, she works in it, and I was a secretary for her. I typed up her minutes and whatever else she needed typed up. We had to file things and we cut the grass one time. Then she got me a job at Catawba Regional Planning Council and I was a secretary there. I typed up minutes, books, we xeroxed things and we worked from 8:30 to 3:30 every day. And that's about all.

W: Kim, why were you taken out of the Tribal office and put in Catawba Regional Planning?

B: To get better work experience.

W: I know that you terminated your job yesterday. What is the opinion of you—of the people you worked for as to your capabilities?

B: They said if I ever wanted to get a part-time job that they would give me a letter of recommendation. They gave me their address and their cards and stuff.

W: Did you get paid for working Kim?

B: Yes.

W: How much did you get?

B: \$2.10 an hour.

W: Who paid you?

B: The Tribal office. We got paid from Washington.

W: Are you married, Kim?

B: Yes.

W: Where did you get married and when?

B: Chester, October 7, 1972.

W: How old were you when you got married?

B: Fourteen.

W: What grade were you in when you married?

B: I finished the ninth.

W: Do you have any children?

B: One, a boy.

W: What's his name?

B: Michael Scott Brady.

W: How old is he?

B: Nineteen months.

W: Now I'm going to ask you some of the things that might be kind of personal, but for my own information and for your grandchildren's information, did your mother want you to get married so young?

B: No, I don't think so.

W: Did your mother want you to go ahead and finish school?

B: Yeah.

W: Does she now want you to go back to school?

B: Yeah.

W: All right. I know that you know that drugs are everywhere.

B: Mhm.

W: Do you know what those drugs are? Do you know drugs if you would see them?

B: Uh-huh.

W: Have you ever take any?

B: Uh-huh.

W: Did you take mild ones or strong ones, or can you tell me what you took?

B: It was marijuana mostly. That was when everybody thought it wouldn't hurt you or anything. Now they're going to find out it gives you asthma and all kinds of stuff.

W: Are you taking any now?

B: No.

W: Do you have very many friends who do take it?

B: Yeah, a lot of 'em did. The ones that I used to know and hung out with, they did.

W: Did they encourage you to take it?

B: Yeah.

W: Is that how you took it in the first place?

B: Yeah, back then.

W: All right, what do you think about the situation the government is in today? Do you think we've got a good government working for us?

B: It's pretty good.

W: Do you have any complaints?

B: They could lower the prices of everything.

W: What do you think about pollution? You hear everybody talking about pollution. Do you think there is anything that could be done about it, or do you think it's bad?

B: It's pretty bad. They could stop dumping things in the river and stuff. I don't know if they'd clean it up though.

W: Kim, did your mother teach you that you were an Indian?

B: She's the one that told me. She told me that I was Indian from her side and a little bit from my dad's side.

W: Do you tell everybody, that you come in contact with, that you are an Indian?

B: Yeah, they'll say, you know—I don't know how we get talking about it, we just sit—they sit and talk with me and [inaudible 8:30]

W: Are you proud that you are an Indian?

B: Yeah.

W: What do you think about the situation now on the reservation? Do you think it's a good idea that we now have a Chief and a full organization going or would you rather us not have that?

B: I think it's a good idea, you're helpin' the people and—

W: How many people, Kim, do you think that we have helped? And you might not know the exact figure right now, but how many people just from you workin' in the Tribal office do you think we have helped?

B: Maybe about two hundred or so.

W: There's a lot of people who've been helped haven't they. I'd like to describe Kim if I can. She has big dimples. She is not real dark skinned. She has long brown hair which seems to be kind of wavy. And she—how tall are you, Kim?

B: Five three.

W: From my own observation of her I think that she'll make a good citizen of the United States and she'll be a good representative of the Tribe wherever she goes. Now Kim is—we're sitting among a bunch of boxes and papers and everything here, what are you getting ready to do Kim?

B: We're moving to Pontiac, Michigan.

W: Are you anxious to go there?

B: In a way.

W: Who lives there that would make you want to go to Michigan?

B: My dad and his brother.

W: When was the last time you've seen your daddy?

B: Six and a half years ago.

W: Has he seen your child?

B: No, just pictures.

[End of interview]

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