Sunkissed – Navajo Reservation Ca. 2012

Matrilineal

Grand Dad – Sweet grass smoke and prayers

XP – skin cancer from any form of sunlight – includes neurological

* Very rare disease 1:1,000,000 regression
* Believed that their kids were sent to them to learn something –

Medicine Men all over the Rez

* Dad – Burning Ants – hurting nature
* Still doing it – “ I’m creating war”
* Stay at home parent
* Daughter - 16 in film
* Son – died at 11

Mom – activist works with other XP children and their parents

* So many Navajo children have XP
* She started to investigate

Clan System – 75 clans – each person has 4 at birth

Mom and Dad in same clan – her parents warned them – they didn’t listen.

Not all XP children have same-clan marriages.

Mom goes to a geneticist – working on Navajo Rez since 1974

1:3,0000 in Navajo community

Navajo Long Walk – to Bosco Redondo

Dad asks his grandmother

Mom asks her mother-

They go to the Senior Center –

April 1866 – Rt. 66/I-40 -

To tell the story of the “Long Walk” because it is considered a jinx on yourself and family

Kit Carson – lead the march against the Navajo-

-burned the crops

- killed the sheep

-killed thousands of Navajo

-changed those people – Navajo holocaust

Mormonized at 8 years old –

-Mom’s mother is traditional Navajo

-LDS is new

Mom baptized at 11 – went to Salt Lake City in LDS residential program.

Feels lost

Dad – traditionalist – Ran away at 13 from his grandmother – he stayed with whoever he could.

His friend, who he lived with, was put into the national Residential Program which kicked the Navajo out him

Mom and Dad looking to a Pediatric Geneticist – Dr. Erickson –

Genetic Bottlenecks

- Navajo 200K before Long Walk.

-Ended up with only 2000 breeding adults

Mom had a bad dream about a bad spirit trying to get to daughter –

Daughter in pediatric intensive care

Whole family is there

Died and was treated in Navajo traditional blessing way (except for concrete burial)

Tribal council meets for Mom and Dad –

- LDS preacher – Dad walks out

Dad starts drinking

What will Dad do now that both kids are dead

Dad walks up into a cave looking out onto the Rez

Mom works with other XP kids

They take flowers to the cemetery of both kids – then go horseback riding