

although I did not question what was taking place. There are many in our tribe that are not all familiar with any part of the burial customs.

#### USE OF QUAPAW LANGUAGE IS DIMINISHING

They have their pow wow. They have their dances, but I cannot say that they are Quapaw dances. There are only a very few that understand the Quapaw language and speak the Quapaw language. It seems that many years ago there was a point where the Quapaws seem to have quit teaching children their language. I know when I first started to public school I was going to school during the day learning the English language. Going home at nights, my mother was trying to teach me the Quapaw language. English won out. So I cannot converse in Quapaw language. I would say that many of the Quapaws have had the same problem. Some have forgotten the Quapaw language for lack of anyone to converse with.

#### EARLY HISTORY OF THE QUAPAW TRIBE.

The Quapaws came here from Arkansas. They left the state of Arkansas in the 1830's. There's a period that you study in history that I have been unable to fill in at this time, and that period was between 1835 to about 1872. I haven't in my research run across any records covering that period. However from 1872 I have run across many papers concerning the tribe.

#### QUAPAW LAND ALLOTMENTS

In the 1900's the Quapaws took it upon themselves to allot their land. At that time they had formed what was known as Quapaw National Council. When they allotted this land they also allotted land to Indians of other tribes and non-Indians.

(Had there been a reservation?)

They had a reservation here of approximately 56,000 acres. The allotment, first allotment, they had allotted 200 acres. Later they allotted an