

terminated, we asked that we be allowed to make a final roll of the living members of our tribe. We did this, and on our last roll, there are 640 members. And while we are speaking of termination, the tribe, just here recently, through the Intertribal Council, are asking that this termination act be amended so that members of our tribe will be allowed hospital care and to share in the education scholarships. That's about all I can...

WHY THE FOUR TRIBES UNITED

(Do you know how many Peoria came to Oklahoma?)

No. We have three claims that have become final. And altogether, I think we have about nine more that is in different stages, but it will be several years before these claims are all settled. And on the charter that was granted to us in '39, we keep that until our claims are all settled.

(Do you know why those three tribes went together?)

Four.

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Well, they were, each one was very small and they went together mostly for protection in Kansas. The way I understand it, they were, you know, they were farming and these other northern Indians would come in and raid them, so they mostly went together, it was for protection. There would be more of them. And I think the government would also rather deal with one tribe than deal with four separate ones. They all spoke the same language. It all come from Illinois, Indiana. I, my idea is, that at one time, more than likely, this was one tribe. All of these that I spoke of, including the Miamis. 'Cause they spoke one language. I think it was similar to our churches today. A leader gets up, takes a bunch with him and call him a different