

from here. And I was trying to get her to tell on one of these tapes about the clan in the Sac and Fox tribe. About how they used to be and how they are now. Do you know anything about that?)

Well, well--all of the elders have passed away and the young people don't seem to want to take it up and carry it on. The only one that's living today is Grover Foster who carried on the chief clan. And Ed Mack, he carries on the Fox Clan.

(What about your clan?)

They passed away. Oh, sometimes we have a little gathering for our Thunder Clan. Like if we're going to name a child in the Thunder Clan, why we give a feast--consisting of corn, pumpkin beans, all vegetables that were used in the olden days. And we usually have (Indian name) to sit with us. And she knows some of the songs, not all of them but even Ed always said, "If you sing just two of the clan songs, well, that is enough."

(What other clans did there used to be?)

Well, they had Bear Clan, Wolf Clan, this Chief Clan that I told you about Grover Foster that's the Fish Clan. They have Deer Clan, Beaver Clan, Otter Clan, I think that's about all. There may have been others but that's all I can remember. Oh yes, the Turtle Clan.

(What did the clan do? Why did they have clans?)

Well, let's see--To distinguish one group from another. There were faithful to that clan.

(Where they mostly family?)

Yes, relatives, family, and their relatives. Well--usually you find an outsider that's given a name in the clan. And they call that borrowing a name from another clan.

(How were the clans different? Like your songs or--)