

Indian territory. One band of Shawnees, I think what would be considered the Loyal Shawnees, was moved into Kansas along with the Ottawas. The Ottawas being intermarried with that band of Shawnees, getting there in the dead of the winter, in December, didn't make it on to their newly appointed reservation until the following spring of 1831. They stayed with the Loyal, with the Kansas band of Shawnees until the following spring where they made it to their reservation on Ottawee Creek. Which is now Franklin county, Kansas.

(Have the tribes always gotten along well since they've been in the same area?) Since they've been in the same are, they've always got along real well. They way I understand it. There hasn't been no friction among the groups that I know if, that is what you might consider a major friction. There's, two, three different languages in this group of the Ottawas the way I understand it. They have the Senecas and the Cayugees, who has a language of their own. Then the Quapaws has their language. But the rest of the tribes which you might say is under the Algonquian stock which is the Miami's, the Peorias, the Piankashaws, the Weas, the Eastern Shawnees.

(Uh in recent years how are the tribes governed? By individual tribal government or have they gone together?)

Well--individual tribes are governed by their own tribal by-laws, constitution and by-laws. But in recent years where they have recetly established an Inter-tribal Council which all eight tribes under the Miami agency operates for the interest of all the tribes of this area.

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