

that boy at Chilocco that come to Arkansas City had long hair, braids.

(No I didn't.)

He was a teenagers.

(No I didn't see--)

He used to come to Arkansas City. Be on the street and he had his hair braided.

His hair wasn't so very heavy, braids not very heavy. Most of the Indians have heavy hair. They'd wear it braided and they'd braid yarn in with it and then tie the ends of it.

(You mean down the length of it?)

Uh-huh. Colored yarn, wood yarn.

(They seem to have any special colors they liked?)

Usually red.

KAW TRIBE BOUGHT HORSES FROM WHITE TRADERS

(Did they raise many horses or cattle or anything, the Kaws?)

No, nobody but, I don't know how they'd buy their horses from white men. My husband used to sell them horses. His father was a great trader. He's half-breed you know.

(Jim? Or the father'?)

His father, his name was Henry. He was a big man in Kaw country. And his mother was grandma Juniper Brown. She wasn't all Indian. She's part French. But she considered herself full-blood 'cause she helped the full-bloods. She used to farm. She'd have a hired hand and raise corn. Some of her land was right on the river. When the corn would get too tall to plow, she's get the Indians come there, and bring their hoes and cuts the weeds out, clean. She'd flour and coffee and sugar and they'd come and camp in tents and clean her field, the whole field.

(Hum. Not bad, not a bad deal for her.)

She'd kill beef for them too for their meat and buy flour and coffee and sugar.