

(Something I've wondered, were there any other Potawatomie's around besides?)

Yes, the Kaws. You see the Kaws come from Topeka.

(Yeah.)

Mayetta. And I guess Potawatomie lived up there too. And quite a few of the Kaw men married Potawatomie women.

(Well, did Jim spend much time with the Indians?)

Oh yes. He was around among them ever day, trading. And he raised hogs and he'd sell them hogs. And then they would pay for them payment day.

(When were those payment days?)

Well they drew payment in March, in the spring and then they'd draw again in September.

(Twice a year then?)

Uh-hum.

(Did Jim grow up among the Indians or did he ever tell you anything about when he was young and---?)

Yes. Uh---they was always in touch with the Indians. The full-bloods didn't associate with the half-breds too much when I first knew them. But they go so they associated together quite a bit.

UNCLE JIM WAS DESIGNATED AUTHORITY TO GET EAGLE FEATHERS

(Did you tell me about one time, you said Jim was a trader of sorts and did you tell me about one time them coming to him for eagle feathers?)

Yes. He was a hunter. He was about the only one that could get an eagle.

And he, they used to come buy feathers, eagles.

(Was it any particular kind of eagle feathers that they required?)

Yes, there was special feathers on the eagle that they wanted. Once in a while the real old ones would buy the whole bird. He learned how to skin them and dry them and stretch them, just by experience.

(No one exactly taught him, he just kind of--)