AND I told him, I said, I told my dad, I said, "What is it that done that? What why they done that?" "Well, he said to me, "Don't you see yourself sitting there?" He said they did that for the children that to be born, that's to come. Asking the Almighty to pity their children that's to be coming. He said they was asking the Almighty to look after them, take care of 'em. That the reason they done that.

(Wonder why they put clay on their bellies, did he say?)

Well, he said that was kind of a sacrifice to God. Sacrificing, asking him to pity. them. He said that's why they did that. And he said you must always think of that and you must always have respect for your sisters. No matter who is is, he said, like that. That's all done away with now. We don't do that anymore, you know. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WHEN FATHER BEDAME CHIEF

(DID HE EVER USED TO TALK ABOUT ANY TRIBAL PROBLEMS WHEN HE WAS CHIEF? ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT LIKE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE?)
Well, yes. You mean my dad? well, since he was principal Chief of the Caddos.

(He was the last hereditary chief, wasn't he?)

Yes, and Caddo Jake, he was my father's brother-in-law. He had married my father's sister. He was getting old and he told my dad. He says he was going to give that back to him, that chief business. Turn it back over to him. And he said he always had with council and you understand it. "Furthermore," he said "Your greatuncle was the leader of the Caddo people and it rightly belongs to you," he said. So, he says "I'm going to Anadarko and go to the superintendent's office and make a report that I'm giving these rights back to you." "You're the one that's supposed to be standing in this place, Not I. I'm getting to old. My time is getting short." So, he went down there. Went to the office and told the superintendent about it. And they wrote to Washington and he got that place. And in 191h, he was called to Riverside Indian School. And he was given a flag by the president there at Riverside Indian School. So from that