

them places where there was buffalo. Certain time they'd go there then they kill them buffalos and they barbecue 'em and pack 'em on the horses. They were living way **back** in the east, you know, right where from Kansas, Neosho and coming through those countries, this Osage county they'd travel through here they'd see these trees and lots of game and good water, lots of good wood. Well, government was all ready been wanting that land up there, you know, and they were trying to seek and to find another piece of land where they could go to with their people. So, they had conference with their people many times, they said. And my father he was long about the middle age about that time. Oh, I guess probably long in 40's, somewhere long there I figured that way. Them days, the old people and womans they never marry when they young. They wait till they grow up, you know. Some of 'em live quite a while before they get married. Well, that's the way most all of 'em were. So, I guess when they-- my father said he got here in Osage county.

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Well, that's the time when he married to my mother and he used to tell all these stories like that and when they come here there wasn't nothing, but Osages, just full-blood people. No white man in the bunch at all. They stopped right along about where Pawhuska, the Bird Creek and they camped all around there. They lived on fish and they lived on animals, and deer, turkeys, good many years I guess. Then finally, they come along and they said the government was helping them you know in every way it's possible. So, they--some of 'em stayed around in Pawhuska, some of 'em drifted down towards Hominy, some of 'em went towards Grayhorse. Those chieftans, you know, they