

Only two Indians there.

(Sorry about that. I want to ask you too, did you feel any prejudice when you were in school? Like when, you know, you were a kid growing up? Up through grade school, say?)

When I was in grade school, like I said before, there were only two Indians in my class. So we succumbed to the white man's rules and regulations. It came to be a part of our household, too. Because I mean knowledge is not gained only through textbooks but through rules and regulations. And our parents stressed this. Because of this we not only had education but religious--religious inspiration. And maybe a real good home life. Because of that--that's how we really got used to white man's ways. At a early age.

(In other words, you weren't brought up in the old tribal way?)

No. No, I wasn't. I wasn't raised in the Indian community which is densely Indian, you know. We had always communicated with the whites. And through this that's how we came to understand the white people. White ways and rules and regulations. They understood us. They--

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(Well, how about when you went on to high school? Did you encounter any there or was it more still the same? Since you were sort of acculturated, you had a lot of white ways. Did you--was that helpful or did you bump into some prejudice there? Teachers that were prejudiced?)

Well, I guess I should start out back when I was in junior high school. I transferred from a grade school. From the sixth grade to a junior high school in Lawton. And Lawton public schools. And in these schools, I felt a little prejudiced but mainly on my own account. I didn't want to associate with anybody who was a different color than I was. In fact, I didn't associate with anybody unless they were Indian. But I--but I did just to keep the--just to get along and find out some of the ways. And