

legislator. Among other things it said that during the history of the tribe they were divided into two bands. By the time of the Civil War these two bands had become known as the Big Jim and the White Turkey bands. After the war the Big Jim band settled on the north bank of the North Canadian and the White Turkey band settled on the south side. They built houses and so forth in what later became the Pottawatomie and Kickapoo reservations.) The kispogo0a and bicowi0a are now here in one bunch. They still keep track of this today. It's just like being a Democrat or Republican. I'm bicowi0a. My children will be, too. Each tribe also has a clan--like Horse clan, Chicken clan, and so on. The Horse clan is anything that pertains to a hoof. You know what a horse's hoof is like? Anything that has a hoof, like a deer, or cow or horse. The Chicken clan includes anything that has three claws like they have (or toes--like the foot of a chicken). That would include pheasant, grouse, quail, prairie chicken--anything like that. The Wolf clan is where there's four claws (or toes--paw like a wolf.) Could be bobcat, wolf, mountain lion, coyote. The name for wolf clan is bcgo0adelin ni. That's a long name. It pertains to four different animals--coyote, wolf, bobcat--and I can't think of the other one.

Tecumseh belonged to the Horse clan and so did his father, and his father, and Chief Big Jim and my father, Little Jim, and so on. Chief Little Jim didn't have a brother. My brother, Charlie Little Jim, belonged to the Horse clan. He is older than I am and is a bachelor. He's never married and has no children. My sister had two sons and they belonged to the Horse clan. She was a mother as well as a father. My three sons belong to the Horse Clan.

We may never have another tribal chief. They (my sons) don't speak Indian. I think a Tribal Chief should speak his own language. DA A chief gets appointed by the tribe when the old chief dies. They have a council meeting