

BACKGROUND BY FIELD WORKER

(September 16, 1969. I'm visiting with Tom Captain an eighty-year old Shawnee of Moccasin Bend, Ottawa County, Oklahoma. Tom Captain is chief of the Eastern Shawnees. And he talks about many things that he has observed. The many peoples that he has known, and of his tribe.)

TALKS OF THE DIFFERENT EARLY TRIBES IN THIS AREA

(And oh, the different people that lived a long time ago. Now what you're telling me now about these different tribes up in here, let's see there was the Quapaws--)

Yeah.

(And the Peorias--)

Yeah. Miami.

(Miami.)

Ottawas.

(And the Ottawas. Ottawa.)

Wyandottes.

(And the Wyandottes.)

The Senecas.

(The Senecas.)

And the Modocs.

(That Modoc, I've never heard of that one. Where they a big tribe?)

Well, they were a big tribe. You see they was originally from Oregon.

(Oh, I see.)

And they brought them down here. They settled them on our reservation just east of us. I don't know whether the government ever paid them

for it or not. And so, they released them and they all went back then.

All except some mixed breeds. All went back to Oregon.

(Yeah. So there's no Modocs left here anymore then.)