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Tom Whistler, Ottawa

INTRODUCTION BY FIELD WORKER

(September 16th, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Tom Whistler an eighty five year old full blood Ottawa from Quapaw County, Oklahoma. Mr. Whistler talks about many things in his life and gives some of the history of the Ottawa tribe.)

TRIBAL CHIEFS

(And now see of the Ottawa, their Chief is Clarence King. Is that right?)

Yeah, that's right.

(Yeah.)

That's right.

(And now, the Peoria's do they have a chief?)

Yeah. His name's Guy Froman.

(Guy Froman.)

Yeah. I think he lives in Miami.

(Yeah. And then, the Wyandotes, do they have a chief too?)

Yeah. His name is -- wait a minute, now -- . I went to school with him.

(Does he live over in Wyandotte?)

I just don't know where he lives at. I can't think of his name right now.

(And the Miami Indians, are there enough of them still around that they got a chief?)

They -- they're under a little different ruling now than any other tribe.

They have a acting party. Whether they call him a chief or not, I don't know, but Mrs. Deberding over in Miami would know.

(Yeah, well, I'll see her. I know her.)

You know Miss Neberding?

(Yes. But I never did get to ask her about that. And let's see the Peorias,