

Numbered among his many acquaintances was Annie Oakley, the famed rifle shooting expert. Tom says that she was the best marksman he had ever seen. To the general public Annie Oakley was believed, and posters showed, that she was a blond. Tom says that she was a dark-haired woman.

A year ago it was Tom's pleasure to be invited along with the Ottawa Chief, Clarence King, and his brother Albert King, to attend as honored guests the 100th anniversary of the founding of Ottawa University in Kansas. Tom says that the university first was a mission for the Indians operated by the Quakers.

From earlier times many of the Ottawas adopted English names in their association with the Quaker missionaries. Many of them also retained their Indian names, as well as using their English names for convenience and identification.

The story of the Ottawas parallels that of many Indian tribes - a recount of war, forced removal, and moved again, of exploitation, of a Great White Father who would have been a good livestock handler. Many Ottawa braves never saw a time of peace in their lifespan. Despite the many odds against them, they never lost their pride and many lived to become contributors to the good and progress of a land they could no longer call their own.