

in the same clan as their mothers do, so my mother was a beaver and so I am a beaver, as a clan. I'm a Creek and Seminole Indian, but this is the clan they claim. And my father was a alligator and as the way it goes, you know, anytime they're always the father's side in the most oh I don't know the most claimed clan that is if, like for instance somebody laughs at an alligator I am supposed to take up for that type of creature, an alligator that is because they are my father and so on. And if I, like my children I'm being beaver and they are the children of a beaver. They are supposed to take up for me and something like that, so forth that is. By the way when I married my wife I never watched what I was doing about this clan business. They used to tell me that your are not supposed to marry the same kind of clan. That is the woman or a man, one is marrying into, they are not supposed to be the same kind. Like if a man belong to a bird clan they were supposed to marry maybe deer clan or other clans, but they weren't supposed to be the same kind, but it happened to me that without knowing when I married my wife she happened to be another beaver, so I guess it was of love.

(Why weren't you supposed to marry the same kind of clan?)

Because they say they are sisters and brothers and so forth, you know.

(This is a different thing from blood kin)

Yeah, its just a different thing. They don't have to be like people like myself you know, I may not be a no blood kin to another person, but he can be a bird, so that makes us brothers and that, along that line. And if she is a woman and bird clan she is my sister and so forth. That is why we are supposed to watch that. They used to be pretty strict about that along--many years ago. They treated one another, just like they were close kin.

(So your father is an alligator and my father would be a bird.)

Yeah, but the way they have it now they say bird and beaver are the same and so I guess your father who was my father-in-law was my brother when we were