

Yeah, that's where I first went to school. In 1914.

(1914. Were there any other schools in that area then?)

No. That was the only one around there. Grove was the closest place.

(Yeah.)

See, we lived out about seven miles northeast of Grove.

(Yeah.)

Two miles west of Beaver.

(Well, was that Wyandotte Indian school going in those early days?)

Yeah, it was going. I didn't go there till after--I was about twenty-two or three years old. I went to Chilocco first. Come back and went to Wyandotte.

(What year did you go to Chilocco?)

'25. (1925)

('25.)

(Words not clear)-- Albert King and lot of them Kings.

STUDENTS WERE PUNISHED FOR RUNNING AWAY FROM SCHOOL

(Boy there's lot of 'em run off in those early days from Chilocco.)

Yeah.

(Well, I know how they felt though. Boy, I got homesick too. They had a price on their head.)

Yeah, section crew if they catch you, they get two dollars a head.

(Yeah. Just like hunting convicts. Any Indian, and if he went long ways well they got more for bringing him back.)

Yeah.

(I know down around New Kirk and Ponca City those folks down there they was always hunting for runaway Indian students. Sometimes they get twelve or fifteen dollars for one of 'em. They get more for the girls they said. I don't know how much. But it made person feel like he was, I don't know what.)