

forget who it was now, which one it was. But anyway they asked him why he wore a blanket. And says, "Ain't that hot?" He said, "No." He said, "What keep out cold, keep out hot." Keep out heat.

(He's right.)

Yeah, he's right. Yeah, he knows. Kept out the cold, will keep out heat.

(Yeah, I imagine it was quite a sight back in those days. I imagine there was quite a few Osages around at that time.)

There was, Leonard. Oh, yeah. There was, lot of them.

(I mean there were more Indians than there were white then.)

Lot of them. Oh, yeah. At that time there was more Indians than there were whites here. Yeah, that's right. Back in that time when I was, oh five or six years old, you know. Man there was lot of Indians here, then.

(Did you ever remember them dancing anywhere at that time? Back in them days.)

Well, no. Not Indian dances. I don't remember. But I can't recall any Indian dances. Only, now they did, when I was about six years old. When we come back from Bird Creek, over here. They had them then. Right down here in old Roundhouse there. Right down there.

(Was it at the other side of that little branch there. Or this side of that branch?)

Right. Right there where the Roundhouse is there. The old Roundhouse. Leonard, they had, they didn't have no cover. They just had stockade, you know. Wide boards like that around like that you know. And I never will forget it and I was about six years old. That's when we come back over here now and I went to school. And so I and Bill, we was the only ones at home. The other boys had all gone, you know, out on their own. Well, we heard that drum, see. We'd come up from the bottom. We'd come up there, of evening, you know. They was going to dance. And we couldn't get in. But it had a little knothole, about something like that where we could look, you know. We'd look in there and see them. Watch them dance. (Laughter) Yeah, I remember that.