

back on the St. Lawrence River back in the year of 1612.

FIRST CONTACT WITH WHITE MAN IN 1612 - NAMING OF OHIO RIVER

Now this record here, that I've always recalled because I've seen the book and I wish that I had gotten this book that I could have learned more about my people back in them years. But first white man that met my people was back up there in St. Lawrence River, and that's running east of the Great Lakes. And now, my Ponca people claims that lot of other--claims that lot of other tribes has, and I think that's a very-- something that I do not deny any one tribe. Because at one time or another that several tribes were together. And we--we claim the naming of this Ohio River. That some explorers had come on down the river and evidently had met my Ponca people along the river there, that they were migrating down back west, probably along the river and asking about someone coming through there and they evidently told me that they went in that direction. And that's the Ponca language that says 'Ooh ha'. 'Oo hi ya' (?). That means that they went down in that direction. So these explorers, that whenever they hear of a word, tried to jot it down and tried to remember it. So that is the way that they--my Ponca people think that they have named this river, Ohio. But there may be other tribes claiming it also. But then-- now on my last running on reports on my Ponca people--now these things that I heard from my grandfather and my father that had gotten these off his grandfather and uncles. That these things they kinda relates to the stories that I am now finding.

MIGRATION OF FOUR TRIBES

Now the last--this migration that we speak of, that the people that was involved in this migration, it speaks of four tribes; that's the Poncas, Osages, Quapaws, and Kaws. At one time that they thought that these people were all in one body--one band. And we--now this also will prove itself in some instances by the clanships that we have in these tribes. That they have like I think, like the your people, the Osages, they have a Ponca clan, and