

way of life, you know, and how they lived back at that time, what they did, daily routine back in those days, what was the talk of, you know, how people talked, you know. What's gonna happen. They musta talked about moving down here or something like that. And who was their leader? Did they tell you who was their leader back there? Such as that, and what their ideas was and everbody agreed with them, things like that.) In regard to our Indian people, that is, the Indians, especially the Oklahoma Indians now, like the Osages, Poncas, Kaws, they never fought like their, they used to tell us that the Poncas never fought against the United States troops. But they fought (coughs) they fought more when they joined the Army, most of these people in my time. And that's before they were moved from Nebraska to Oklahoma. (Long pause), our, my father's father lived up there. They didn't come down, but he lived up there. That is, he went back. Our leader at that time was White Eagle. And his right-hand man, Standing Bear. And when they came here after they moved from Baxter Springs, Kansas, they came to this present reservation. Some of the people got lonesome or lonely or something, I don't know what but, anyway, they went back. Standing Bear, the sub-chief, went back with them, took them back to Nebraska. After so many years here, they went back. Then, when they got to Omaha, somewhere around there, they were arrested for no reason at all, I don't know for what, but anyway, they got help. Some people helped them and that was the time that Standing Bear made a plea and talked to the people in a way, and told a story how they were moved from one place to another, and they were going back home. That's the only reason why they were arrested. But a lawyer took up the case and defended them. And that was the time the American Indian were considered human beings. And where they moved back, and from this day,