

Minnesota--from Alaska to Minnesota. That's where they stayed for quite a while. Then they migrated west, into the Dakotas, Black Hills. Then they finally moved into Wyoming. Then from there the government move them to Kansas. Then from Kansas into Oklahoma--the western panhandle. And that's where the Cheyennes and Arapahoes were given land that they could call their own. So the white man seen the Indian having that land and they wanted that land. So they move them toward Oklahoma City. The Indians didn't want that land on account of there was no wood, so they went east. So they move back in the black-jacks. And that's where they been allotted.

(When was it you spoke to the school?)

A few months ago when they had open house there. Indian Achievement Week there. My, they just sat there--those white people, with their mouth wide open. Especially when I said, "White Man told the Indian 'Move over, Indian!' Every time the white man wants an Indian's land, all they had to say was, 'Move over, Indian!' And the Indian would move over." They really got a kick out of that. And some of them took it real seriously. I told them, "You don't have to feel no offense from me. I'm just relating the way it was!"

(Are there very many Indian kids in the group you were talking to?)

Yeah, there was quite a few. And some of their parents were there. And when we got through with that we went to see what they had done--what was on display.

(Do you think many of these younger Indians today are getting interested in their history?)

Yes. We've got one here that's pretty smart--my granddaughter. She's got a scholarship waiting on her in Lawrence, Kansas. She just goes to school a half a day. That's Ronnie Scabby Horse. She lives at the other place. So that's my work among my people.

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(Could you tell me the name of your old grandmother, the one you lived with?)