

Willie Kirk, Kickapoo

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and coon, and some of 'em I don't know the name.

(Do you get bears yourself?)

Yeah. (What kind of gun?) Thirty-thirty. That's the only kind I had. (Are bears hard to hunt?) No, they're not hard. Sometimes go by myself, and sometimes two or three of us go. That's about all I can do. Come back here, and go back again, same old thing--kill deer and bear like that. Stay down there maybe month or two months, and come home again.

(Do you like it down there?)

Yeah, I like it.

(Why haven't you ever taken your wife down there?)

Well, that was before I had that one, that time. I was talking of my young days.

#### WAR WITH OTHER TRIBES

(What other Indian tribes made war in Mexico?)

What I know, not much that Kickapoo, but the other people, different tribe, they call 'em Comanches, and some of 'em Mescaleros, that people 'round there. But I don't know, I just hear that. There be war down there and they been killing the people down there. Not the Indians, I guess. I never heard about they kill the Indians, but they kill Mexicans, those Indians, the Comanches and the Mescaleros. Those two of 'em. But the Kickapoo, I never did heard about it. I never did hear about Kickapoo do like that.

(Did you ever hear if the Kickapoo fought those other Indians?)

Yeah, I heard about that, but I don't quite know about that. All I know is that one called Osage and the Kickapoos. I heard that when it was a long time ago. I don't know when it was at, when they was fighting.

(Can you tell about that?)

I can't tell very much. All I hear is a little--you know when I hear somebody talk about that I was kinda little fellow and not much paying attention to it, you know.