

they tell you anything before you--you know. I never did go to school. My grandmother used to send me to school and I wouldn't go. I just go so far and I just stayed there all day. Now I show wish-- I did like to kill myself for not going to school. But you know-- get out of high school anyhow. But some of 'em went to college. And I'm the only glad they all got jobs. That's the reason why all of us talk to my grandchildren and tell 'em you all had better go to school. Don't be like me. I can't read, but I can talk English.

(Where did you learn to speak English?)

Well, my grandmother was a great church member. When my daddy died I was two years old. And my daddy told ah--that was my aunt told my aunt that she must take this girl and said "I'm not going to get well." But it's two of us, said my boy here my mother's going to keep him. Maybe some day they'll grow up they'll help you all. I know my wife's going to get married again. I don't want my kids to be mistreated." So when my daddy died and everything--burying was over, and my--I guess my great aunt--we always called grandma in the Indian way took me and my brother stayed with my mother's--I mean my father's mother. And we grewed up with old people. And that's the reason I didn't hardly know my mother. Til I got grown and my grandmother told me that's your mother. And we grewed up with old people. There was another lady used to come around you know. She was different tribe but she was good to my grand-great aunt. And, I used to think that was my mother but it wasn't. Still right now my mother don't hardly care for me. But now after she got old she thinks a lot of me because I always go over there and see her all the time. Well, I kept her here you know til she got bedfast.

STORIES ABOUT ANIMALS AND PEOPLE:

(Did the Delawares tell coyote stories?)