

food. What they eat, they always against the big brooks, you know, the big rivers. They camped there during the winters. During the summer you know, go here and there, move around. They go around roam all of this Oklahoma everywhere. Just go everywhere, you know, go here and there, move around. So that's where the old man was born. Big Bow. He was born right here where they call that Cut Throat.

(Was this the grandfather of your--)

My great grandpa. (Mary says)

Old man's grandfathers. (referring to Abel Big Bow, father of Mary Tartsah)

He was born at that place down there. This old man's mother--you see, these

Osages they all them, they the ones that killed out the Kiowa childrens--

all the great warriors they left and went on to have a war with some other

tribe. They went on and they be gone for several weeks you know, they be gone.

And so they, these Indians from the east, they come in one day and towards

morning they seen that camp and just about day break, they got in there and

they start to shoot and start to catch them and cut their throat. Just cut

their necks off and they were Osages. They come down there and this Big Bow

he was born there as a baby. Just about a day old when they come down there

and cut throats of childrens, womans, girls, boys and they wasn't no warriors

there, they alway gone. All of them was gone and left all the woman folks

except the young boys and a few mens were there, just a few of them at the time

and the young boys and a few of them at the time and the young boys. So when

that happened, you know, well they all run from their tents and going on toward

that Cut Throat Mountain. Start going up there, and these mens run back and

forth to protect the womens and childrens that was there, they been cutting

throats you know. They keep these other ones from coming up too close. And

when they get up close they shoot them, you know and kill them and kill them

too. They'd run them back. And they got way up there so high in that mountain.