

scalped one another. French people did. The French people also taught 'em to use these hatchets. You know, steel hatchets. Up until that they had this rock that was a tomahawk. And then, of course, the Indians that came in here to Oklahoma were from Practically all over the United States. They, you know, you've heard about the Trail of Tears. Grandma had some relatives that was brought in here. See. She wouldn't admit it at that time. She wouldn't dare own that she kin to 'em, cause people would persecute her.

(She ever tell you stories about that?)

Well, she just talk about how mean they wuz. And my grandma wasn't alike me. She used some fancy words, you know. Don't fight 'em. Cause they--you know, the only thing she ever said about it, was that how the people treated 'em. And course after she married my step-grandfather, he was a bad egg, you know, and he was deputy United States Marshall but he was bad as they came. He treated them real mean, you know. If they didn't walk the way he taught 'em and jump when he said so, why he'd just whip 'em. He had a bull whip. And my mother used to learn--she learned to use a bull whip from him. She was a little bitty thing. She was five tall, you know until she got old she never gained any weight and never got past one hundred pounds. But could take a 20 foot bull whip and just--one time when we moved to Texas, there was some men, you know they sent out trucks then, they had the wagons, and there was a man and he had a big load of pipe and he was hauling in the deep sand and he was going to whip these horses and make 'em pull that load whether or not. And he had one of those long bull whips. And of course my mother said, "You stop whipping those horses." He just laughed cause she was little bitty thing. And she caught