

Yeah, that was about the year of 1864, after the Battle of Sand Creek. What they call the Sand Creek Massacre. Some of the Indians were, after this happened, why they were scattered. Some came south, what is now Oklahoma. Others escaped back to north, back into what is now the State of Montana. The story that my great aunt told me about five years ago, she's now 91 years old.

(She still living?)

She still living. I visited her this year, 1967, last August, and she's still quite active.

(Does she live around here?)

She lives in Lane View, Montana. That's why it's original.

(What's her name?)

Her name is Ethel Ridgewalker. Ridgewalker. And she was telling about the escape, they made here and then later the United States Army caught them and took bunch of them back up north. They was wanting to stay here, but I don't know, some way there was--they don't want the Cheyennes to stay here. So they load them off in wagons and took them about six months, in winter months, took it six months to travel back up north. They come to what is now Pine Ridge, South Dakota and there they stayed about six years. And during that period of time, they inter-marry Sioux and Cheyennes and that's why we have some Sioux and Cheyenne mixes in our tribe today.

CHILDHOOD OF MR. DICKE - LIFE AROUND WATONGA

(You were a boy around Watonga, growing up, did you live in the country or did you live in town?)

I live out in the country about six or seven miles, west of Watonga.

(Was it a country school?)

No, never went to country school. I did went to school for while, well it's quite a long story, about my early life what I can remember. My folks died at my early age, at very early age when I was about 2 years old. My mother died, her name was Manoma Antelope.

(Antelope?)