

T-2-2 (Second of Three Interviews)

MABEL KIRK, KICKAPOO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

HOW KICKAPOOS GOT THEIR ENGLISH NAMES

SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

FRIENDS - QUAKER MISSION

SCHOOL

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Mabel Kirk (nee Mabel Fry) was born in 1900 in a Kickapoo village near Shawnee and has lived most of her life in the Shawnee-McCloud area. She attended Shawnee Mission boarding school and speaks English fairly well. She and her husband, Willie Kirk, both speak Kickapoo fluently, and Kickapoo is spoken in the home. Mabel and Willie have been raised in traditional Kickapoo ways. Mabel has belonged to the Quaker church and to the Baptist church. Both participate in Native American Church activities in recent years. They maintain a traditional Kickapoo winter house, and maintain social and trading ties with a number of Mexican Kickapoos.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are Alfred Chalepah, Kiowa-Apache
Mattie Murdock, Kickapoo