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MABEL KIRK, KICKAPOO
TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE MADE 3-1-67
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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 was born in Oklahoma. Is 67 years old. Always lived near her present home. Speaks Kickapoo and English.

TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW FROM TAPE:

(What is your name?)

Mabel Kirk.

(How old are you?)

Sixty-seven. My birthday's August 24.

(You're just about as old as Oklahoma.)

Yeah, I am.

(What is your husband's name?)

Willie Kirk. His birthday is February 13. He was sixty-six. I'm older than him. For a while we were the same age but I kinda got ahead of him some way.

HOW KICKAPOOS GOT THEIR ENGLISH NAMES

(How did he ever get a name like "Willie Kirk"? That's not a Kickapoo name.)

No. But there were folks over here--missionaries--Kirk's and Douglasses and Fry's and different names and they gave them to the childrens. They started that school there long time ago. So that's where they got their names. His mother got that. His mother was named Kirk. And I had a half-sister going there. She went there when she was three years old. Missionaries raised her there. Her name was Myra Esther Fry.

(Was that your name?)

Uh-huh. My name was Fry, too. Part of my kids goes by Fry, too. And my sons--cause they have Indian names. They have to spell Indian name.