

David Pitts, Osage

Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Interviewed by Kathryn Redcorn

7/8 allotted Osage, allotment # 764, Pawhuska, Oklahoma

He's full blood Osage. Mother was Mary, I guess.

(What was her maiden name?)

Aikin, Mary Aikin Pitts. She as on the roll as 3/4 Osage. I was born in Osage down here where Harry used to live. Where I was born.

(In Indian camp? Here in Pawhuska camp?)

Yeah.

EDUCATION

Educated - Osage boarding school at first. Went to McVay country school west of Wynona, and later Wynona.

(High School?)

No. Grade school, Wynona. And I went one semester to Tennessee Military Institute. That is I went through 9th grade there. I finished up the rest of my high school at Hominy High School.

(Did you do any college work?)

Yeah. I went - I started at Oklahoma City University first. Stayed there till - I was going good there but got into trouble - I mean - I didn't get into trouble, but my landlady there - they were having family troubles and I just quit. I didn't want - well, anything except that. I just come home. I didn't go back. So then one of the school boys, Keith Chumda, I finished high school with, wanted me to go to O.U. He was going down there. So, I went there one semester. I went down there one semester, last part of it. Went in February.

(Down at O.U.?)

Then I got home and didn't go back again. See, at that time we had lots of money then. We could stay there, we had cars, you know. So, I didn't go back.