

Yeah. It shows in that book. ((Gibson's Kickapoos))

(Today do the Shawnee govern themselves?)

No. They have office at Shawnee. Branch office. They call it main office here in Anadarko. Their headquarters.

(When the whole tribe wants to tell the office something, do they have a man they kind of elect as a representative?)

Oh yeah. They have a committee there. They have fire--they used to have chief but they--ever since they accepted the constitution by law, they killed the chief no chiefs. But they do have the committee. And they have--one of them is chairman. He's the head of the whole tribe.

(Who is this Web Little Jim?)

Well, they pretended--he's to be a chief. He's the one that supposed to be a chief of the Shawnee, but he's the chief's boy, Little Jim. That's his boy. And he's the one that supposed to been the chief of Shawnee. But by the new constitution they ain't got no more chiefs.

(Was the constitution something the Shawnee voted for or was it put on them?)

No, they asked for it. I'll tell you what happened. From the way I understand it. The way I see it, let's get over here in the shade first, it's a little hot over here--Might feel better out here where its shady. The way I seen that, the way I think about is just--they sent a man out here to every tribe. You take Shawnee tribe, Caddo tribe, Kickapoos. A fellow named Atkins (?) . And their was a Choctaw guy, I don't know what his name was. I forgot. And Dan Mydrelda. Maybe you ready something about him somewhere. Heard about him. He's a pretty smart man. He's half Mexican and half Caddo. Now, these smart people in Washington, they know that the Indians have a trader. They know the Indians got a treaty (?) in Washington, but it just like if you had a big pile of corn out there. If you crib that corn real good the rats can't get into it. But that rascal look for some hole in there, somehow to get that corn. And that's just the way that worked out. Finally some smart man said, "Say, lets get these Indians to organize. Get new constitution by law. If we send white man over there to tell