

**Esther:** If I'd stayed around with Lou Hicks, my cousin Lou Hicks, I could'a talked as good as you could. But as it is, I was just over there a - just maybe a week at a time.

**Fred:** You know her, don't you? Joe Lucas' wife, Emma?

**Esther:** Oh yes. I knew her good. She was my, my good friend. She was really my friend.

**Fred:** Well, she was a white woman, but she could really talk Delaware. She could really talk good.

**Esther:** She was really my friend. She was really my friend.

**Fred:** Yeah, she was a good woman. Yeah, that was Emma. Yeah.

**Esther:** Now I wish I could'a remembered some of the stories that my father told me. He was 85. He was buried on his 85th birthday. And we used to be at home together so much.

## **DELAWARE BIBLE AND SONGBOOKS**

And he used to sing and he was - he could preach. He preached and he had his own Delaware Sutcliffe Bible. And he had his Delaware songbooks. And him and I used to sang together all the time. He had two of them. there was somebody sayin' here, not too long ago, that the Delawares, they didn't have any songbooks or - but my father had his songbooks and he had his Bible. And I think where them Bibles are at now is down there at Ramona, to my niece Myrtle's, 'cause my oldest sister Rosie got them, got them Bibles and songbooks.

**Fred:** Well, I never did know what became of them. I've heard that they were - they had them all right. But I didn't know whatever become of them.

**Esther:** I used to like to listen at Cornelius Wilson and Aunt Mary my father, and oh, I can't ever think of his name. McClure. And them singin'. Oh, they sounded so pretty. I just sing right along with them in English.

**Fred:** I never did hear any of that. But I don't know whether it was away from us, you see. Now I never did get to hear any of it. I knowed those books were out, those songbooks and Bible, but I never saw any of them. I always felt like I wished I had of. You know, got to read 'em over and everything.

**Esther:** And my father got to goin' to church out there at the Armstrong school house. That's the only school I ever went to. And, ah, he got to goin' down there to the churches. And they'd say; "Brother Fillmore, lead us in prayer." And maybe he'd say one or two words in English and he'd go right on off in his Delaware language. And he just forget where he was at."

**Fred:** Yeah, they preached all in Delaware.

**Katherine:** (seeing a picture of Fred's granddaughter.) Oh, isn't she cute. Oh, I'll bet she's got pretty eyes, doesn't she?

**Fred:** Oh, that s our granddaughter.