'26, between '26 and '30.

(Did the other children have any trouble with diseases?)

Yeah, smallpox and other children diseases, it was pretty prevalent at the time, 'course I guess everyone had the same problems, I was just one of the unfortunate ones who got smallpox.

(Did the other children seem do well in school as you did?)

Well, some did, yes--I think I studied a little harder than most of them did. I represented my school in some of the fine arts contests they had. Our school had competitions. I was in the fifth grade at the time and had to compete with children in the eighth grade, I best out the eighth grade to complete in a county wide fine arts meet in mathematics and spelling. But it still amazes me how I beat those eighth graders 'cause I knew they had more teaching--basic artthmetic and math, but where I beat was rapid calculations, that's where, I guess I could just think faster, I guess.

(Was this and all Indian school?)

No, it was a consolidated school, white and Indian.

(Rural area?)

Yeah, it was a grade and high school combined. There were quite a few Indian children because there was a lot of Indian families in the area, Caddoes, Wichitas, Kiowas, some Comanches, not very many, but there were some, we had a very big Indian population at the time at Washita.

(Were there quite a few other Indian children representing the school in this contest or contests like this?)

Yeah, there was a lot of them competed but I guess I was just one of the fortunate Indian kids to win out. I competed with both Indian and white children, I just happened to beat them out. I don't know if I was smarter or not but I got the problems a little bit faster, I guess; that's what counted in the meet, you know, your rapid calculations and rapid thinking.

(Where did you go to school after Washita?)

After I graduated from Washita I went to Haskell institute for a semester.

(How old were you then?)