

tell about treeing those mountain lions, rope and pull them off the trees; I imagine they kill them.

(Are there any other things that Preacher Kicking Bird used to tell you?)

Yeah, I understand he was Indian police too, at the time at Ft. Sill and he would track down criminals; I remember one time him telling me a story about a murderer he tracked down, he was trailing and caught up with him somewhere around where Elgin is presently located and he come up on a horse tied and there was a sod hut there, a dugout; he immediately recognized the horse, the one that this murderer was riding, of course he had to be careful, and when he got to this dugout he hollered for him to come out, no one come out of there, he knew there was someone in there because he heard a child crying inside the dugout, of course he pulled out his gun, his hand gun and came down the steps of the dugout, he kicked the door in and a man was behind the door, he had a gun ready but somehow he (Kicking Bird) disarmed him, I don't know how he did it, but he said he took the gun away from him, arrested him, and handcuffed him I guess, if they had handcuffs at the time, and took him back to Ft. Sill.

(What time was this, do you have any idea?)

I have no idea what time of day it was.

(I mean, what year?)

I don't know that either. I guess I was pretty small at the time he used to tell those stories. And I remember him telling about tracking down some rustlers that stole some horses from Indians, I guess; the army sent him out to apprehend these horse thieves, I think he caught up with them somewhere around Hobart, brought the horses back, I don't know if he brought the thieves back or not, but I do know he brought the horses back. I can't remember whether he did or not, or if he said at the time. Of course he had a lot of stories to tell, one time he was coming back from Ft. Riley, Kansas I believe, Of course, these Indians know, knew nature pretty well, somewhere around Chilocco Creek on the Oklahoman-Kansas line, he looked back and knew a blizzard was coming, he could see it in the sky there, when he got to that Chilocco Creek he tried to find a place pretty deep there and he found a place; he tied his horse and dug a hole in the ground, put leaves in it and it happened to be by a log, of course