

(As a while did Indian men go in for mining also?)

No they didn't.

(I've often wondered if they thought much about going underground that way.)

I think now these here go on down across and away from this Peoria district. The Peoria district all white people now, there is no Indians lives here. Me and my family is the only pure Indians. You can go on that way. You go down in the Shawnee's--they's quite a few Shawnee's. They tend their own farms and some don't. Then you go on in to Wyandotte reservation. There's quite a few Wyandotte's in there. They got good homes and making it very well. And I don't know about the Seneca's. I don't know much about them.

VERY FEW FULL-BLOOD INDIANS AMONG THE SMALL TRIBES

And Ottawa's, they's not many full-blooded Ottawa's anymore, I don't think. I think they was an estimation in the paper about 900 of them when they was coming up for money from the government about a year ago. But I know I went to school with quite a few Ottawa's here they was like Miami's and Peoria's, they's not many full-bloods living. They just ain't any. That's what our people said back in Indians when we went back to Indiana in '63. My cousin is a secretary there. She said, "Rosie"--said, "If the government don't pay us pretty soon--" said, "They ain't gonna be many even half-breeds to pay." "Because", she said, "They married the Germans, the Russians and all them people that comes here and they ain't gonna be many full-bloods." Well, that's--that's been done with a long time ago with the full-bloods part, just not many.

(Well, were the Indians allotted land when they were moved down here as individuals or was all tribal holdings? Did they have a reservation?) They had a reservation.

(And within the reservation they--each Indian didn't own so many acres then?)