CHURCHES AND EDUCATION

(What were your early churches here like? Did the Indians build their own churches or--)

No, they didn't have mind enough. I'll tell you. Comparing the schools that they have to go with here, the government schools, the Wyandotts's, the Quapaw Mission over here, was the way then, they took the kids as quick as they was big enough to feed theirself, because I think their parents wasn't reliable enough to take care of them. Maybe their mother was a very dirty squaw Indian and maybe their man wasn't worth killin'. Well, of course they are run by the agent. The agent, at the time we come here was Goldberg.

(Now the original Quapaw Mission, that was the one that was east--)

Blowed away.

(Yes. Destroyed. That was east of Quapaw?)

Yeow.

(And it kept and boarded the Indian children there for education.)

Yeow. We stayed there and come home ever six weeks. If you didn't have any way to come home you just stayed there and they clothed and fed you.

(Then the Indian school at Wyandotte, they take care of all of the area in there.)

Well, some tells me now, that they don't take care of all of them. I don't think it's run by the government. It's run more so by the state the way I understand it. If you are able to pay $250.00 tuition a year, all right, they will educate you and I guess they are doing a good job, what I hear about it. But I don't think they take--well I don't know that is what I have been told, no one under half-breed. A quarter like that down to a sixteenth, well they don't go much. You just had to be a sixteenth Indian blood to go when I went to school. But I don't see why that the Indians hated to put their children in school for the