

and time I been helpint out and I--of course, I'm not one of the best workers in this trade, but I do pretty good and everyone would like for me to help them out but I guess I'm kind of conceited. I said, "Well, I just pick my own people that I want to work for."

(Well, how old were you when you went to Carlisle?)

I was about 13 years old when I went to Carlisle and the reason I went is my grandparents were already passed on then, and my father had just passed away. We had a small pox epidemic and a lot of Indians died that year. And so for that reason I asked to go to Carlisle because I felt like I needed to get away and if I'm going to be a white man, well, I'll just be a good one and just go on to school. And then that way I will learn how to take care of myself and just live like a white man. Because this day and time we have to do that. Sometimes I think now it's better to live Indian because I've got a house I can't keep by working. Just have a tipi. Just go in and lay down and sleep and go on back to work.

LEARNING TO LIVE IN "TWO WORLDS"

It's been pretty hard for me to live within two worlds. I live Indian, was raised up Indian and I've lived the white man's way of life. And I keep my grandkids mixed up too. I think, because I try to teach them Indian--Indian way of living and then they're all used to being mo-ko-mon which they are partly... So we just have kind of a mixed up world. So I live two and talk in Indian too, why that kind of makes it hard for those who live within two worlds. But I'm proud of my grandkids that they are going to college or through college--two of them. So they don't know anything about Indians, all they know is mo-ko-mon so they just don't have nothing to keep them mixed up. So I just quit telling them anything, only to go to pow-wow's. And they could learn a lot there, I tell them. But as far as speaking Indian, Sac and Fox, why I try to teach them different words and put them