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EARLY DAYS OF EASTERN SHAWNEES AND SENECA TRIBES

I am Julian B. BlueJacket, Eastern Shawnee tribe, son of W.L. BlueJacket, chief for many years of the tribe. And my grandfather was Charles BlueJacket, chief of the combined Shawnee and Seneca nations. That was, how long has that been. I can find his name on many of the documents that were dealing with Seneca and Shawnee as a unit at one time they were a unit. They had some treaties, and he was one of the well, he was designated a chief, I'm sure. Because, he signed as a chief, and ah, my father was one of the first ones designated chief in 1932, when they organized these tribes, is that right? Bob? I believe it is, isn't it, 1934 was it. And my father was chief oh, I imagine twenty years. I've heard my grandmother telling about coming down from Kansas in a cover-wagon. And they lived in a box of split-elm hutch, wigwams, teepees, or whatever you want to call them. And they were loaded on a wagon, and then moved in and then they set up in the afternoon to make camp. That's all the history I know about. Most of the old-timers are gone. Look at Tom, he is about gone. (Laughter)

JOINT FUNDS FOR EASTERN SHAWNEES AND SENECAS

(You said the Senecas and Shawnees were a unit?)

Uh-huh. Back, I assume back when they first came here. But they were one unit, in fact, only about three years ago, we had some money jointly with the Senecas. They call it the Seneca-Shawnee fund. And we had about seven hundred dollars, if I remember right. And we went through our part. And I think their's is still in there. And there is still a small fund left,