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RECALLS TIME JUST AFTER MOTHER DIED

(This is Peggy Dycus and I'm here today in Shawnee with Mary Mack. And she's going to tell us little bit about when she was growing up.)

My name is Mary Mack. And I'm a Sac and Fox, full-blood Sac and Fox Indian.

And I want to tell you about our early days at the Sac and Fox Indian Mission. It was located six miles south of Stroud. My Indian name is

(speaks her Indian name.) That mean "hail." I belong to the Thunder Clan.

And the reason I had to go to school so early in my childhood. I was three years old when my mother died and my aunt Stella Reuben and Clara Ellis and

Laura, who were my aunts had to go to school at the mission. That's what

we called it then. And I cried to go with them and it just happened that

Aunt Moch came to my grandfather's camp and saw me crying there and asked grandma what was wrong. And she said, "Oh, she's crying for her aunt."

So he took my grandmother and myself to the Indian office and got permission

from the Indian agent that I go to the Mission to stay with my aunts. Which

I did. And I just grew up there until I was about ten or eleven years old.

(Pause--About two Minutes)

My mother's father and Billy Gray Eyes' father were brothers. And that,

was my mother and Billy Gray Eyes' first cousin. And he was a real Sac

and Fox chief 'cause he belonged to the Fish Clan which is considered the

real chief of the Sac and Fox in the olden day. And on my father's side

I'm a descendent of Black Hawk. He was of the Thunder Clan. And my grand-

father's name was (Indian name) He was the one gave me the name, (Indian name) meaning "Hail."

(I didn't have the tape recorder on when you were talking about being related