

had to learn to speak English before they could read or write. Everybody talked Indian. Oh sometimes we were punished for speaking Indian though. They tried to make the children overcome the habit of speaking Indian at school. And usually we were paddled on the hand if we were caught speaking Indian. And in later years why so many whites asked us why we don't teach our children to speak Indian. Well, we remembered the punishment we got at school. That was our reason.

TRIPS TO BLACK HAWK PARK IN ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

(Where did you go after you left that school? Mission, uh-hum.)

I went to Kansas. Mayetta, Kansas. I have a son-in-law now at Topeka. And I went to day school there, about two or three years. See my father married a Potawattomie. That's the reason he took me up there. And then from there I went to Haskell. I stayed there four years. (Long pause)

(I understand that you go to Rock Island, occasionally. Would you like to tell about that?)

Yeah. We started going up there in 1939 when they dedicated the museum up there at the Black Hawk Park. At Rock Island, Illinois. And we--see Mr. Hallberg was the one financed our trip for us. Well, which he did up till the time he passed away. And we've been going every year since 1939, on Labor Day weekend.

(Why do you go?)

Huh?

(Why do you go?)

Oh, get invitations to go up there. And put on a program with the Musquakes Indians from Tama, Iowa. And they have a amphitheatre there in the park, all fenced in. And there's a mound up there, they call it the stage. And we put on different kinds of dances. And Eddie is usually one of the singers --help the Musquakes sing, And several times in the past, we took his