

EDUCATION--INDIAN SCHOOL--PUNISHMENT

Yeah, we went to school together 'cause I (static) Well, I guess I was about 6th grade when they sent me to Wyandotte.

(Oh, you went to Indian school for awhile?)

Yeah.

(How were they then? You know lately it's come out in the paper--it had this article in the paper about them being mean to the Indian kids up there at Chilocco. Did they used to be mean to you all?)

I never been up there. I been up there, but what I mean I never went to school there.

(How about Wyandotte, were they mean to you all?)

We was.

(You all were mean, huh! (Laughter) What did you all used to do?)

No, they wasn't mean.

(If you got into something and they had to punish you, how did they punish you?)

They had them old machine up there that you turn, you know. They get you down on a chair and they had straps. They just turn it maybe one time. 'Bout dozen of them one time, maybe hit you one round.

(Oh, it was a whipping machine?)

Yeah. But you were just by hand, you know, you turn it.

(And the strap would come down like this or something?)

Yeah, on a wheel.

(On a wheel?)

It had straps attached on that wheel some way and--

(Oh, I see, and it would go like--?)

Yeah, every time that kinda--that in time--they would just be about that far apart. Just one turn and it would hit you about 12 times.