

the custom of the Indians of my people. When two members of the tribe were married it was custom that the first son would go to the mother and he was taken and raised by her parents. I being the second son, I was assigned to my father or what you might class in English terms, adopted brother to my father. And I was taken and raised by my grandmother or my father's mother. And then when he passed away and to make it legal, I was equal shares, equal heirs with him on my grandmother's estate. It was through that tribal custom that we still maintained that I became equal heirs with him. In Ohio they lived in what they called Wicki-ups where there'll be several families living in one long house. And it was motly covered with bark. And then in Kansas they lived in log houses. Then pretty much so, when they came to Oklahoma in the early period, they was living in log houses. Most houses didn't have any floor in, just a dirt floor. I know my mother, she was born about a quarter of a mile where I was born she was born in a log house. It didn't have no floor in it. It just dirt floor. But they got a little modern when I was born. It did have a floor in it, although it did have ply-board roof. Before the allotments to the land was made when the land was held in common there was quite a bit of moving from place to place. It was mostly a matter of fencing up a little--patches, what they had, tried to grow something on which wasn't very much. And then--it was mostly a long excursions during the summer when they ought have been tending the crop. They would take off and maybe spend three or four weeks on some lake and fish when they should be tending their crops. They'd spend most of the summer dancing or out camping somewhere on--fishing and neglecting the land.

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(Why did they stay even though they had land? What kept them here? Was it their families?)

Well it was mostly the restriction that they come under. You see they had certain length of time to vacate the country in Kansas and you know the white