

Miami tribe's never been a strong tribe. And it was divided you know when it come from eastern Indiana down here. It was divided. And that was one reason why we didn't have a stronger tribe here as they did in eastern Indiana. The western Miami's was no strong tribe.

#### DIVISION OF MIAMI TRIBE

(Why was it divided?)

Well, I don't just really know how come it to be divided. I've, oh I've heard different things about it. I just can't tell you how it got divided. Some of them, was what they used to call 'drawed out Indians', you know. Drawed out their money and they become citizens, American citizens. But now they've already come back into the tribe. And the Miami when really they shouldn't be but they're there anyway. But you can't tell Washington that because they wouldn't listen to you. They don't go back that far to find out. But that was the way it was and there was a lot of them that didn't want to come out here. And then there was some that did. But they just divided the tribe that way. And they brought part of them here. And part of them stayed here. And they paid them money and that's how some of them eastern Miami's got what they've got. Just because the government paid them their money, instead of letting them come out here and taking land like we did. They bought this land up here in Kansas and they give, I think it was a dollar an acre for it. And when they wanted to move them then from Kansas down into Oklahoma or into Indian territory, well, they didn't want to pay them that much for it you know so they give them fifty cents. They made them pay them fifty cents for that there down there. And then up here went back to the government. And they was supposed to pay the difference. And I, but they never did get paid. I think they 475 dollars was one payment that they made on it. But I don't think that they ever did get it all. That is