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(Charles Whitehorn, assistant Osage chief is going to tell us some more about some of the tribal affairs and information, whatever he want to say, whenever he's ready. This again is on June 25, 1969 in Norman.)

Turn it off little bit.

EARLY HISTORY OF OSAGE PEOPLE BEFORE COMING TO OKLAHOMA

Well, I'm going to start talking here about my people, Osage Indian people. I don't know whether it will do anybody any good or not but still at the same time I think it will be some use in the future for the children to know and understand how it came about our people to be and that Osage county. What I'm going to say at this time, to begin with, is where our people used to live, further back somewhere in Kansas. The stories started from there. Through my father, he didn't tell me I was a young boy at the time, but he'd be telling my mother and I'd be standing around and I heard all of these good words and things how it came about that our people came to Osage county. To start with, he used to say the people used to fast. Different ones that fasted good many days trying to figure out some way that God could be, God could bless 'em and some way that they could find out, and know something to how to take care of their family or how to be a good hunter. They fasted that way and cried to the Almighty, different ones at those days. During those days there were two mens that was outstanding. His name is (Indian) they say, Then the other one was "Wah-ti-an-kah". These two men