

MT. SCOTT CHURCH

(This is Kirk Kickingbird. I'm in El Reno this afternoon talking with Ioleta McElhaney. We're going to talk a little bit about the great Deacon Kickingbird and what she might know about the Methodist Church at Mt. Scott.)

As a girl we lived, my father was a farm agent, what you would call a farm agent, right under Mt. Scott. It's under water now. And I don't know if it first had a name. But it was government property. And the church, Mr. Scott church sat up on the hill east of where we lived. We lived down below and it was government property. Very beautifully situated near the lake. There was a large hotel there, Campbell's Hotel. People, it was kind of a resort. People would come quite often. But all that area is now under water.

(How old were you?)

Well, I think maybe I could be, it was before I went to school so I must have been four or five years old.

PEOPLE ATTENDED THAT CHURCH

(About what year were you born?)

Well I was born in 1908. So when would that be? About 1904 or something like that. And so the land across, Medicine Creek flows into the original area and into the lakes. It was a very choice place. And then ever Sunday afternoon we'd take the government team and ride the range. That is what we called it then. Only we were in a buggy and we'd drive across the creek and see if any timber was being cut or anyone had been trespassing in any way. And it was at this church that I first remember the name Kickingbird and the family because they all attended the church. It was the Kiowa church at Mt. Scott. (Words not clear) my grandfather. I just came with the family and the Sahmaunt Family and the (words not clear) and quite a few others.