

We loved school and everything.

(Uh-huh.)

And we loved all the teachers.

(Did you have any Indian teachers?)

Yeah, we had a few. They weren't all white. We had a few Indian teachers. And, the superintendent there, his name was Jack Brown at the time when I was going to school there. And he had some Indian blood in him. And if he found someone that didn't understand anything that he told them in English, if saw that they didn't understand it, well, he'd speak what he could in Cherokee tongue.

(He was part Cherokee.)

Yeah, he was part Cherokee.

SPEAK ENGLISH AND CHEROKEE IN THE SCHOOL

(Well, did they get after you for speaking your own language?)

At first they did, when we first got there. Because it was more of a military school at that time. And they had a different superintendent then.

(You mean your first year or two, when you first started?)

Yeah, the first three years. It was more or less a military school. Had to drill and everything like that, you know. And had to get up when the bugle sounded and had to march and march to the dining room to school and everything was like they do in the military service.

(Like you was little soldiers, huh?)

Yeah. Uh-huh. We had to wear uniforms, you know, on Sunday and everything, we go to church. But we were happy.

(But then after that, in other words, he wasn't too fond of you speaking your native tongue.)

No, cause they got after us, I guess, one reason why they wanted us to learn English quicker, you know. That might make us learn English faster. I couldn't speak a word of English when I first went there.