

(Did Indians play fiddle?)

They has Indian music, not white peoples way.

(What about this Indian stomp dance? Did they have ribbon dance or something?)

They'd have two or three stomp dances and in July they have green corn stomp dance. They meet, get together, set the date, they set the date with little wooden stick. They stick it in ground some certain way to set the date. They all get together, and women have ribbon dance right before stomp dance. They have ribbons hanging on their dresses and beaded arm band. Ribbon dance leaders carries a butcher knife stick, with red feathers on end. Some wears turtle shells. Two men sits on south arbor, and rattles the rattler and they dance. They start about 9 or 10 and quit at 12 and after that they go and bathe in water (If there's any water), if not they take sponge bath. (He's talking about Indians having to go off and work to support family). If any Indian was born certain place, they don't like to leave. Indians were forced to leave their place. White man force the Indians to leave, like me, Uncle Sam made me leave home to go to Army. They like to stay home place. But like now, Indians have to leave home and go to big town to look for job. We can't hunt like we used to and we can't farm either, cause farm equipment cost high. White people chase our meat away such as deer and wild turkeys, etc. Our chickens too. If we stay there, they'd starve to death. That's why they have to leave home to work. (How they were disciplined) They used to spank the girls, he (my father) used to have sticks under the porch and used to spank the girls even if they were old. I guess they wanted to go see boys. I have nieces and nephew--I'm their uncle, they used to tell us to obey the older ones getting after you and you'd have a good life. They used to tell us watch out for yourself, 'cause you may be around where crime is committed and you'd get involve.

(Those days, those Indians were pretty close together weren't they? They visit one another if someone were sick or something?).