

name was Thomas Whistler. He was the beginner of a commission that founded the Seneca Indian Training School.

(Well was that the only school available for the Ottawas? Or did they have their own school, too?)

Oh no. We were allowed to go to any Indian School in the United States. Which my father he went to Carlisle, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. And he graduated out of there in about 1880. So he came home and he got a job in this Eagle Pictures Sterling Company up Glenn, Kansas. Where he met my mother. And they later on were married. My mother was, she had nobility from Holland, with this, this here Count at that time made a visit back to the states to visit the Dutch people at Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

#### EARLY CHURCHES

(Did you folks have your own church in the early days down in your area?)

Not until the Quakers came in there.

(I see.)

It was Friend's Baptist Church.

(Where was it located, Tom?)

It was down here in Ottawa. A building you see there right on, I don't know what highway that is -- whether it's number seven or not.

(Let's see, I think it's the Junction of ten and one thirty-seven. I believe.)

Yeah I think that's right. That's right. And at the Junction of ten and one thirty-seven it's just about a mile and a half from a Shawnee store where the church was located. And the Ottawas celebrated their hundred anniversary at the Ottawa cemetery. Being one hundred years old.

(By the way, where is the Ottawa cemetery?)

Well, you south from Shawnee store about, oh, a mile and a quarter and then you turn east about a mile and a quarter and then another quarter south.

And it's right there beyond the Friends Baptist Church. And course, we have