

(I don't remember the details now of what it made mention of but he must have been a pretty smart individual now.)

Well this was when McDonald County had slaves in the first--tell you something, just the other day in connection with the railroad that went out of business, the Atlantic (not clear) not long ago.

(That's what I thought.)

And then they closed the Kansas City Southern Railroad and they come down and bought the, him out, and something or another--

(You know, in traveling in this particular area of northeast Oklahoma, I marvel at these folks other than the Quapaws, may be living back in those early days, had this old rough looking rocky soil, you'd have to drive a plow point into the ground to get the thing cultivated. They must have had a pretty hard time.)

Well, then again when you consider that--their wants were different from today.

(Yeah. There could be no comparison.)

They really didn't have--have too much

PRESERVING TRIBAL CUSTOMS AND LANGUAGE

(Other than the Quapaw do any of this other little tribes try to preserve and the--customs?)

Well, I think, the customs might have been gone.

(And their style of dress is also gone. I would think that probably each tribe had their own particular manner of dress.)

I would say they did. Now the Quapaws and the Osages were quite similar.

And not only that, but also their language.

(And the Quapaw language is being preserved, though, isn't it?)

No.