

he wanted to do. He wasn't brought to know this meaning of working and then overseeing to do things you know. He was just his own boss you might say. And before the white mans come here the Indian, he hunted.

GOOD HUNTERS IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Men--a good hunter was the one that you know, the man to be thought a lot of you know back in the days, you know. And when they spoke about it at the beginning there, you know the governorship you know, different clans; they had different job to do. Go out and hunt you know--buffalo hunt, deer hunting, things like that you know. Or one that--some young grandsons or sons are picked you know to go and bring a bear back--bear you know. And the bear was one tough animal--tough animal. And these things that the Indians one before the white mens come. But since the white mens come, oh, I always believe that he has taught us lot of things that we didn't know about--Indian ways you know. Because my people--Ponca people--my grandfather says that we--especially my grandfather when he was small boy says "We don't have no trouble. Everybody said always had a lot of you know, time to ourselves, and we were free, never feared nothing" he said. And only time that I've seen that we've had hardship said snow you know fell on them one time. And lot of the people froze to death. But he said that the ones that froze was the ones that couldn't get out and look for food. They had the hunters go out and brought food back you know, some of the camps that they were so far out that a lot of them froze. But that was the only hardship that he told. And then pretty soon, they got this tribe you know--have a war for one another. But in this time back in 1870, I guess when it started, in 1870 up to 1878, you know, that was one of the worst of the battles we had in this part of the country back here too. But that's when the non-Indians were trying to get hold of the territory you know. And they were probably getting the Indians stirred up and having the Indians to fight one another and things like that.