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stay around here, and he had four kids. Then he died. But he's from over there.

(And did your husband use to go up and visit his folks over there?)

Uh-huh, he had folks over there. Still got folks over there. And he had a land over there.)

(He did? Did you ever go up there with him?)

Yeah, I went with him lots of times.

(Are there still some Indians, Kickapoos in Kansas?)

Um-hum. But they don't talk the language.

(They don't?)

Huh-uh. They all talk white man.

(Are there very many of them?)

No not too many. I don't know how many.

FISH

(Ok, now I wanted to ask you about fish. Did you say they use to get fish a long time ago?)

Yeah, they don't use no hooks like they use like now. They use hooks right now, but that time they have these long poles. They just go in the water, see if they can fish. If there's somebody hit one--maybe they thought they hit one--they someone go under water and feel around. And if there's a fish there, well, get it out. It always be big, they said. I don't know how big.

(What kind of fish?)

Oh, these--I don't know what's the name of the fish--but it's them good fish that ain't got no bones, ain't much bones on them.

(Cat fish?)

Uh-huh. It always be-- They always get just good ones.

(That's the kind that has those long feelers up there, and spines on their back?)

Uh-huh. Yeah, that's the kind they catch. And they don't--momma say they don't fry 'em, like we do now. She always tell us, "You all fry too much everything."