

what the Osages do. All that time he watch. He was asked what he wanted, I want to join the (not clear) tribe, join everybody here. So this boy grew up, told them "I would like to join the Osages too. I've been ready a long time. I would like to be Osage." His master said, "I'll see about that, and see what I can do." So, they all got together and this man got up and told them and said, "I got a boy here and I raised him from baby. And now he wants to be among us, and wants to be Osage." While he was saying that this man (not clear) and he said, "I don't know him. When he grows up he's gonna tell us what to do. We don't need him in the Osage." He married and his children is white, and happy and they all grew up today. And that's why they married different tribe. They are gonna have children, and now see where you are at. Some of them come in here, some Cherokee council (not clear) different tribe, like French, come in here and start from way off, come here (not clear). Now see where you are at, some Osages not Osages at all, they can't boss around now.

(Way back there, when these Osages all--you say they used to be together, and each band had leaders. Were there one man over all of them?)

What?

(Was there one man over all of the Osages?)

Yeah, but it was all the same, the clans were different. They all were in one bunch.

ONE OSAGE LEADER OVER ALL THE CLANS - CHIEF

(Did they ever get one man to lead them all?)

Just the chief, is all I know.

(How did they elect that chief--did they--the leader of each clan select this chief?)

One of the chief, I don't know how they elected him. But they all go by the clans you know. Maybe get a big man, a pretty good talker, he is chief then He rule all Osage.