

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(July 20, 1970. Today I'm visiting with Donna Elliot Vowel, a 65-year-old Wyandotte Indian of Seneca, Missouri. Mrs. Vowel talks about the Wyandotte tribe and events, personalities, and places of their reservation.)

WYANDOTTE PEOPLE COME FROM GREAT LAKES REGION

(We think of Wyandotte Nation and their reservation. And there's just not too much that's recorded. And so I'm always asking what people can tell me about their particular little place on this earth.)

I imagine you've already got the first part of it. I think they came from the Great Lakes region. My father was young.

(Yes ma'm.)

Of course all I know is what my father told me.

TRIBAL ACTIVITIES--GREEN CORN DANCE

(Is Wyandotte town been their center of their hub of their community and tribal activities or do they have other meeting places?)

I really don't know. I really don't know. Well, I don't believe the Wyandottes did have. Do you think so, Artie?

Unidentified speaker: That was their center. That was. That was their center.

Mrs. Vowel: But I don't know. I really don't know.

(Yeah.)

But their stomping grounds now it's in the Wyandotte center. That's south of Cayuga.

Unidentified speaker: The Wyandottes had a stomping grounds the same as Senecas. Their's is right there by the--across the bridge.

(Yes ma'm.)

Unidentified speaker: Bottom of the Indian school hill. South. On