

and he was awful nice and he thought an awful lot of the Quapaw Tribe.

'Course he had other girls and boys that he took care of. Saw to it that they went to school. And so, he's being a Jew, why he sent his daughter down to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to a Sisters Academy down there. (laughs) But I never will regret of going to school in Lawrence, Kansas. That was my--one of my happiest places that I spent. And then from there, why, after I spent three years there, why nothing would do, but that I had to go to school at the Sisters. So, I had a chaperone from the school that took me on to the Sisters of Loretta, in Kansas City, and there I spent some more happy days--after I got acquainted with the Sisters. And stayed there. And in the summer time, I vacationed with one of my classmates. And 'course I didn't have no home anymore down in Oklahoma. All my people had died and left me all alone. And I just had this guardian and he was really nice.

(You also studied music, I believe.)

I studied music and I was really proud because I won two medals in music. And finally I--I had a pretty good voice. I'm not bragging about myself, but then I had a voice and took the vocal lessons and finally went down to the Academy of Music in Kansas City and finished my music there in voice. And I used to sing at gatherings and social gatherings. So really, I enjoyed it very much.

(You were also on the stage at one time, I believe.)

Well, I was on the stage, but it happened to be just right in Kansas City. I didn't go out on the road like--I didn't want to go out on the road, I was afraid because I was alone. Oh yes, I won two medals in music too. And I wasn't so very good on the piano, but I took the piano lessons too, at the Sisters down to the Conservatory of Music in the City.

(Did you sing Indian songs when you were making these public appearances?)