

BACKGROUND

(This is Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mack's place, north of Shawnee, Oklahoma. This is ~~December the 8th, 1970.~~ I'm visiting with these people about some of their life history and maybe some of their tribal history, whatever they want to contribute.

Ed, I'll just ask you some questions. I'll just hold this so it won't bother you. Then, I see how it comes out.

Where were you born?)

Around Pottawatomie County.

(Here in Oklahoma?)

Yes.

(And what was your father's name?)

Albert Mack.

(And what was your mother's maiden name?)

Louisa Pattaquah.

(Were they born in Oklahoma too?)

Yes.

(Father and Mother?)

Yes.-

SAC AND FOX LANGUAGE

(We were saying a little bit a few minutes ago about language, and I talked to Dan Jennings about what he thought you might try to do. What is the hope of the thinking may be about the Sac and Fox language?)

We're trying to revise the Sac and Fox language because I myself don't speak it too good myself. Some words we just lost. Such as some birds, we don't even know what they're called today. Some used to tell us the name of the bird but today, we don't even know half of them. Lot of them, we just can't tell you.

(You know of any family around here that use Sac and Fox in the home?)

No, they're all speaking English now. James Foster about the only one who talks Sac and Fox.

(Who?)

James Foster.

(Poster.)