

(Do you know what denomination he was?)

He was a Baptist. The Baptists had two..well, they divided like you would say..I guess it was caused by the Civil War. One is what they call Northern Baptist and the other is Southern Baptist. But he was sent down here from the Northern Baptist. Boy, he was..My experience with this minister when he got here was he's alright. Treated the people right, go on trying to do..I think that man knew all the Wichitas. For this reason, he went, well he wasn't young. You take the modern missionary now, I think I seen them most of them, they don't go out. But this man came here in horse and buggy days and I would say mostly every day he would get out and make visits. Different homes.

(Do you remember his name?)

Rev. W.A. Wilkins. He and his wife Mary.. Mary Wilkins, used to be. He came from Ohio. He went to school at Denison University. And from there he took quite a few theological studies at the University of Chicago. And his wife Mary was a..she was a good woman, I thought. Had four children. By the way his oldest child is the same age I am. Now, they all scattered.

(How did he work with the Wichita when he talked to them about Christianity?)

Oh, well he just go to their homes, you know, make a friendly approach..as friendly as he could approach. And then he would get down to ask them why he came that he might teach the gospel. And he would relate to them, you know, the teaching of the scriptures. It's up to the person whether to believe it or not. Anyway. I don't think he ever hated a man because he disbelieved him. He always tried to be a Christian man, in and out. Well, if you went there to the mission, he would welcome you. If he's sitting down at the table, he would say come on have lunch or dinner with us. Oh, he was just a friendly man, I always say.

(Did he learn to speak Wichita?)

Well, he perhaps might have said a few..some words. I never did hear him talk it. His wife I think, knew more words than he did, but they were fine people.