

must have been pretty big. Then the Wacos were next. They had about, oh, maybe over 5,000. But it's the same tribe with Wichitas. Same thing.

(What did they call the Wacos in the Wichita language?)

we.ko I call Wacos like we/ko That's what we call them, call ourselves. Then there was Towákanies. They had about about over 4,000, he told me. They call them tówá.kúdiwah Then, I don't know. The Kichai comes in, but its not no kind of band, it's a tribe. Kichai. They was living close to the Towakanies, I think. They was living close together. That's why we're still together, you know, the Kichais. That's about all.

(How do you call the Kichai in Wichita?)

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(Do they speak Wichita?)

Well, they got their own talk, but they learn as long as they together.

(How about...can you understand Waco and Towakanie?)

Oh yea, it's the same. Just a few little words, it's a little different.

Ethel: Yea, it's Wichita. It's just a band. Because there was too many Wichitas, so they decide...at that Brazos River...they divide up in bands, because there is too many on this side. Some of them went this side, some of them other side. So they're all Wichitas. That's what they call the Affiliated Bands. But now they got it the Wichitas, Caddos, Delawares...but that isn't it. It's the Wichitas, Wacos and Towakanies...that's what they call the affiliated bands. They are the real ones.

(But you can understand all three of the languages?)

Ethel: Oh yes, they Wichitas, but they just call themselves different bands, there was too many Wichitas.

(Was that a long time ago?)

Ethel: Oh yes. When they had a village at Waco, you know where the Brazos River is there. Well, it's back in the mountains, it's where these people come from. Some are the real Wichitas, some are the Towakanies, some are the Wacos.

(Do people pay any attention to those differences nowadays? Do people know whether they are Wacos or Towakanies?)