

WILLIE KIRK, KICKAPOO
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PRELIMINARY OR WARM-UP CONVERSATION

(What is your name?)

Willie Kirk.

(What is your father's name?)

William Wahpesoes.

(Mother's name?)

Rachel Kirk.

(Where were you born?)

It's Pottawatomie County, over by Shawnee.

(Were you born in a bark house?)

Yeah. We didn't have no frame house that time when I was born. It's just like Indian house. All my folks were living there, my grandma and my grandpa.

(Did they live with you, your grandma and grandpa?)

Yeah, my grandma did, but my grandpa died before I knowed it. I was a little fellow, I guess.

(You said you had a half-brother. Is he older than you?)

Younger.

(What's his name?)

Kenneth.

(And your sister, is she older or younger?)

Younger.

(What's her name?)

Myra. Used to be name Myra Wahpesoes, but when she's married, she's name Kaskaskie.

(Is she living now?)