

Willie Kirk, Kickapoo

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J. Jordan

(Did you ever make baskets yourself?)

Yeah, I made 'em.

(Are they hard?)

Well, the first one, when I first started was kinda hard, but after I catch on, it's easy. I made them in Mexico, on the reservation. No, I don't think they make them in Oklahoma. I could make one if I had them kind, what they use.

(Did you go down to Mexico after your father was killed?)

Yeah, I went back there. Just go over there and stay around there with my relations. Just stay around there and hunting. Kill deer, bears, and something like that.

(Lots of game down there?)

Yeah, lots of it.

(What time of year do you like to go down there?)

About this time now is pretty good. And summer time, and winter time. Both's good. I believe winter time is best to go. When you kill bear or some kind of animal you get pretty good price for hide that time. The hair won't come out. But some time they ain't much good.

(Do you save bear hides?)

Yeah. Save hide and sell it. Get \$25.00. Clean it and dry it and put it on ground and put sticks around it so it stretch, you know.

(Other animals?)

Deer and some coon and some others, I don't know what they call it.

(Any mountain lions?)

There's lions there but we never did fool with it. I never did see any down there, lions and tigers, and like that. I always hear they're down there, but I never did see any. I never did see anybody kill 'em, too. Just bear and deer