

Willie Kirk, Kickapoo

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But the Apache say, "That's Kickapoo. You better not go down there 'cause I hear they're gonna turn around and went the other way." Apache Indian. I never did hear about it if they met, but I hear that Osage and Kickapoo met, but before they kill lots, the Osages quit. They give up. That Apaches, I don't know. I never did hear about it. That's all I hear.

(Did the Kickapoos ever fight the Comanches?)

Comanches? I never did hear about them fighting Comanches. But some peoples I guess they been fighting but I never heard about it. That's all I heard--about them two. They never did fight with them Apaches, but they did with the Osages.

(What about the Tonkawa?)

I don't know about that. I never heard about it. I never did heard about them kind of word.

BATTLE WITH WHITES

(Did the Kickapoos ever have a fight with the white people in Oklahoma?)

I never believe I heard of one like that before. I heard of a fight over to Texas somewhere. Now like that there, it's been a long time ago. Before--you know I told you we went to Mexico from here?--before we went. We go there before that. I guess Indians from here went on horseback and wagons. Go to Mexico, Kickapoos. And way down theresomewhere--I know you know that--I hear some of that's in history in books--that when he had fighting, they catch that Indian in Texas somewhere. And it's just like two captains, you know. One of them, he knows that some kind of flag what the Indian's got. So one of them, when he let Indians left where they been camping, he left that flag--that white flag. So one of them captains he noticed that. "No, they don't look for trouble, these peoples. They just went by. He got kids and women and all." But the other fellow, "No, that's what I came over here for. I'm gonna fight that Indian," one of them captains. And so he chase 'em way out there some where and they