

(Which one did you belong to?)

Sequoyah. Once I was there in school I used to belong to this and we used to debate, went to Stillwater and debated, went to OU and Debated, KU and Newton, Kansas.

(Do you remember any of the topics you debated about?)

Well, the biggest topic we debated on was American Life. You know, I made us win out. I was the last speaker. There was three speakers on each side. And at the conclusion of my debate I brought this out. I'm true American and I'm kind of proud that I'm a true American. And they couldn't overstep that. I told them, "Lots of you white people claim that you're American. I go along with you and I'm glad you say that you're an American but me," I said, "I'm a true American." Am I right or wrong? You know, that was published. I don't know, I saw it in the paper week after that.

(What paper was it published in?)

Wichita, Kansas.

(Do you remember about how long ago that was?)

Well, it dated back in 1916. I think it was in the month of November. I know it was cold then. We couldn't get out and walk around...it was cold we had to stay in the house, and then we didn't have no liberty at that time. Everytime we're gonna have to go out for dinner or meals, we had to report to our disciplinarian, maybe to the principal, or whoever was in charge of the debating team. We had to go with him. Everywhere we went, he had to be right there and all the boys all the time together. Never one of us left. We all had to go. That's the reason why I told we was under military supervision, at that time. But the last time I went back to the conference at Chilocco, I find it so much different. There was so much leniency for the children. I know that at eight o'clock we had to