

two of us just full blood Delawares. And the rest of 'em they just you know, they just different part Delaware. You know, like you marry Caddo--different tribes they don't be full Delawares. Most of us now you know, our old people they just gone. And we just got one and that's my mother and if she dies, well we don't have anymore. No more old people. You know, way back.

(Was your mother one of those Delawares who came along from the East?)

Yeah. At that time she said when ah--that war was--she said she was about five years old. And, ah she say the stars fall. She say it got dark for two days. And she said, "I was setting there crying." And said, "My mother told me said, don't cry, why don't you pray? It'll be all right. God's punishing us because we don't do right." She said they see those stars fall maybe that's how come it's dark. She said I think it's about two days and it got kind of light.

(Daughter interrupts: You can trace that back too. I think it's way back, 18--something. 1869?)

(When the Delawares first came to Oklahoma did they come immediately into the western part of the state or did they stop on the eastern side?)

No, they come down this area. That's when they split up. That's when they had that Civil War here.

(Do you remember you mother saying anything about how the other tribes already in this part of the state treated the Delawares when they came into this area?)

Well, ah she said the Wichitas, and the Caddos and the Delawares--she said they was already civilized--you know, they don't fight each other. But she said the Comanches, and Kiowas, and Paches--they fight. They fight you know, anybody. But she said but us we don't fight anybody.

(Note: When informant says he she means she.) You know we don't kill anybody. In them days way back before the allotment.

(Did the Delawares band together with the Caddos and Wichitas?)