

extravagant. So therefore, we just do the best we can as to take care of 'em. And now we feel that the government had done so much for us, that we are grateful unto them for the help they have given us. Because we know that - there was much going on in this world. That we needed help so they protect us, by taking care of us through our office. And ah - council and the Indian Bureau, did much to take care of Indians, at that time.

### LIFE AT BOARDING SCHOOL

This is ah - before I went to school, I guess I just like most of the - all tribes - and myself. I had little pigtail on my head before I went to school, and ah - then when I went - was going to school, my aunt had cut pigtail off to keep it. So it was braided neatly and she had kept it for years and I've seen it many times. And never realized this what I could, kept it and preserved it but I didn't. So Many other of our people had braids and even some had braids going to school. But later years they began to cut them off and ah - so we-

( When school started, before you started to school, at the agency school at Pawhuska, did the government officials come out in the country and sort of round up the kids for the school term?)

Yeah.

( I know this was customary - )

Yeah.

( Now were you allowed to talk Osage at school?)

No, we were not allowed to talk Osage at all. They didn't want us to speak our language.

( But it was the only language you could speak - so were you punished for speaking Osage?)