

I think it's that--you know--that man you was talking about? 'ataskwe

It's on his place there, somewhere. The Indians had a village up there that time, mother said. I really don't know whose. It must be though, his place.

(Well, where were you born in that village?)

Uh-huh. Yeah, I wasn't born in hospital. Mother didn't go to hospital.

(Well, could you tell me anything about it?)

Oh, I really don't really know much. She don't even know my birthday. I just gave myself a birthday. She don't know what month I was born and she just says this time of the year. The crops was all dried up, she tells me.

So I just gave myself a birthday--August 24th.

(What year was it?)

I don't know. Anyhow--I'll be 67 this comin' August. I really don't know what year.

(Well, now, that village, did it have a name?)

That's Village. That's what name of it--village.

(And where was it?)

Out there somewhere, west of Shawnee somewhere.

(Was it on the river?)

It's not by the river. Let me see--

(Willie: It's about three miles west from OBU. About 3 miles west and about one-half mile south.

(Well, did all the Kickapoos live there?)

No, they lived here and there. See, there was a village east of here that time. And there was some there. So, I guess I don't know if we was living there or not.

(Well, did your folks live there very long?)

I don't think so. I know when I remember we didn't live there. We was livin' up here on my father's place, when I came into sense. So we lived there quite