

they won't get up. Here they come. They got big knife to cut them off here. Some been little babies, some girls, some old folks, too. They cut them all neck off (cut off their heads). Burn the tipi, too. But the other people they run up the mountain and they found up there. Some kind of Indians. They got long stick. They chop thisaway. They chop--they chop--like that way. They went and went to north. That's what they cut all the Indians--cut the neck off. That's story from way back. That's where my great-grandma was. They run up the mountain, too--the old lady, Big Bow's mother. That's a real story. They cut the neck off. It's some kind of

Indian--I guess--maybe it's Osage. Or Tonkawa. Some kind of Indian.

After that they found out, the soldier, that they are called "man-eaters" (referring to the Tonkawas who had a reputation for cannibalism).

And some kill them old folk (Tonkawa) because they eat man and babies.

There's no more now, Tonkaway Indians. Yeah, they eat man and babies.

I think they all got killed. There ain't nobody over there now.

They kill them all, those old folks there that eat man and baby.

They call them the Tonkaway Indians. Live right west of Ponca City.

They all gone. Empty house now. Maybe a few young folks living.

That ones that cut Indians neck off back there. (Able is confusing the Tonkawa with the Osage, who are the tribe involved in cutting off the heads of Kiowas at Cutthroat Gap.--J. Jordan)

(Interruption)

LAST KIOWA SUN DANCE

I seen one Sun Dance--at Mountain View. And another one at Carnegie.

I seen with my own eye. I was a boy--oh, I was over four years

old. I seen a real Sun Dance, west of Mountain View, northwest

of Mountain View. They call it "Oak Creek." Like this here is

Hog Creek. My grandpa called this "Hog Creek" because there used

to be lot of hogs around here. (Able goes on and talks more about