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So his daddy was named Wahpesoes. That's hard to spell so he just went by his mother's name.

(What was your Indian name?)

My Indian name was (not clear on tape-omitted?)

(Do you still go by that?)

Yes. I still go by that.

(Do your children have Indian names?)

They all have Indian names, and my grandchildren.

(I was just wondering how the Kickapoos got the names they go by now. I know your sister's name's Burnett and I didn't think that was a Kickapoo name either.)

Well we all go by those. See, there were Murdock's there. So they all gave the kids their last name. See, they gave 'em the names themselves. They were the first ones that went to school. When I went to school, I didn't even talk English. I was ten years old.

SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

(Where did you go to school?)

I went over here to Shawnee Mission where the clinic is now.

(How many years did you go there?)

I just went about three years. Then I got married. I got married when I was 16 years old.

(What was it like over there?)

Oh, just went to school. Clean, and you learn how to do something. I always tell 'em it was good school and clean. They make you learn how to keep clean. Keep the building clean. You have to get up early and do your part in there and make beds and mops, sweeps. So it was really nice school. We go to school half a day and then go to--I worked in the laundry. I knew how to work in a laundry when I grew up. I knew how to work--iron and