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It seems that they were always three bands of Osages, always been three bands. In the story that I heard, the way that I heard, the way they tell that these Osages, they came to a place and they got flooded, they were flooded. I don't know just when that was, or when it occurred. That's how come there's three bands. And when they all, they became separated in this flood, they were all in this flood and these groups that survived the flood, why, it seems that they come to a hill or somewhere, must have been a hill because they say that when these people got to the dry water, dry land, they found these Fairfax people, those left of them now, the ones left of them now, they went for these hills, this hill, highest part of this land--they went up there. So they stayed over there. And then people up there at Pawhuska, why there was a thicket, you know, briars back someway in the hillside. They were over there in that part. Must have been timber, they said, and that's where our people --they were. So that's how come the three groups. After this flood--where they got, that's where they stayed. That's what they call these here in Hominy, they call them (Indian word), they live in the timbers. And Gray Horse, why they call him (Indian word), they live in the hills in high places. Gray Horse of Pawhuska, they call (Indian word) means thorns, thickets. That's where they got the reasons - divisions right there and when they got out of this flood, that's where they started. They came on from there. That's the way they been, in these three groups. So there was a lot of people thinks we come from here since we came here, but it was way back, that it's been that way. So they, that's the way they been. Then our people, they were with this group there. Seems that they married these chiefs. They had an order of chiefs. And the chiefs were the rulers of the tribes, of the bands and groups. They had these chiefs and sub-chiefs, like that. And they also had another group, there're