

grandma didn't say that. She just said he went to Washington and he had that coat when he come back. I guess that's when they were negotiating this part of the country, you know, the Cherokees.

(Well, I had always thought it was French, I don't know why.)

Mrs. Harper: It could have been, I don't know. Well, you know--

Mr. Harper: Indians were French (not clear)--

Mrs. Harper: But they made those special for a while, those coats.

(Oh, they did?)

Mrs. Harper: For Osage weddings. I guess I supposed they didn't have all those, though. Because I've seen labels in 'em says Osage wedding coat.

(Oh really!)

Uh-huh. Wedding coat made special.

(Where were they made?)

Mrs. Harper: In the east someplace. I don't know remember what, you know. But I remember seeing the label, not all of them, but I've seen said, Osage wedding coat. 'Cause, you know, when they had weddings and things you give your best things.

#### THE LAST REAL OSAGE WEDDING

Mrs. Harper: (not clear)-- Last wedding they ever had, Osage wedding, was my brother's.

(Is that right?)

Mrs. Harper: Uh-huh. Married Lottie Kipp, Paul's half-sister. She's part Cherokee.

(Well, was it like the others, like the other weddings?)

Yes. We had it down in the village, campground.

(Did they give away the--well regular ceremony?)

Yes. It was the last Osage wedding real--real with everything, you know.

They going to have a race, you know, and they had--the day of the wedding--