

well, my father had already planned to marry me off. He had his plans all made and everything. I didn't want to marry but there was nothing I could do. That was the way they believed - the Osages believed in marrying their children off. That was just the way I had to do what my father wanted me to do. I wanted to go to school. (words not clear)...when I learned what they was trying to do with me and I ran away, I ran off. I came down here on the main street. Branner's home right over here on the main street. I came there to Mrs. Branner and she felt so sorry for me, you know. And my father came after me. He knew where I was. And I got away from him again. And I went out to St. Louis school to the Sisters where I went to school. And he came out there after me, I was there. There ain't very many of 'em that do that, but I did it. I run off. I didn't know what it is all about, you know. So the Sisters told me I had to obey my father. I didn't want to. I wanted to stay with the Sisters. 'Course my father came after me. See, there ain't very many of them do that, but I did. I ran off. After I saw what they was trying to do to me I just got up and left. I didn't even tell the folks where I was goin', I just slipped out, you know. 'Course any of the people wouldn't think that I did it, but I did, you know. I had my mind made up to go on to school. I wanted to go away to school, you know.

(Lot of the girls went away to school then, didn't they?)

((Irrevelant words))

(Who was Mrs. Brenner?)

Well, she used to be music teacher at the boarding school. Mr. Brenner was a banker. There's where I went to their house. I ran off. And from there I went back to St. Louis school. And my father come and got me. Sister said I had to obey him.

(How did you get your medal from the Post?)