

I was born in 1899. I was born in Cleveland County, Oklahoma and my name is T.W. Bentley.

(Were you born over there around where Lake Thunderbird is now?)

No, back east. East of Norman.

(Did I understand you right the other day, you said that your father or your grandfather had been an Indian agent at one time?)

My father.

(What was his name?)

Martin J. Bentley.

(Who was he an agent for?)

For the Shawnee, Kickapoos, Sauk and Fox, Seminole--several different tribes.

(Were they all in together?)

Yeah. ((tells a young boy to go get a book for him. The book is Gibson's "The Kickapoos"))

Yeah, he was under those--in 1903 he began to move some of those Kickapoos, and he moved them down to Cuila, ^{Coahuila,} Mexico with the Native Kickapoos down there.

(Is that how the Mexican Kickapoos first got down there?)

Yeah.

(They were moved down there?)

Part of them. (Points to picture in Gibson's book)) Now, there's my father and that's his interpreter. That was taken in 1906. I was just so big at that time.

(For all those tribes that were under your father, could this John Mine (his interpreter)) speak all those different languages?)

No. No. Just Kickapoo. There's a lot of more pictures in there.

(Now are you Shawnee?)

Yeah, I'm Shawnee.

(--and Yuchi?)

Yeah. I'm mostly Yuchi but I'm in the roll with Shawnee tribe.

(Where were the Yuchi?)

They around Sepapah, Kellyville--up in there.

(Do they originally come from this part of the country or did they come from some place else?)