

(Now, you said your mother was Yuchi?)

She was part Yuchi and Delaware. But my mother and her dad, I guess, they been with the Shawnee from way back there. I can't talk Yuchi. I understand Shawnee to anything anybody could understand.

(Have the Yuchi and the Shawnee always been together?)

Pretty close, yeah.

(Is the language close or totally different?)

Different.

(Are there many Yuchi today?)

Not too many. Well the Yuchi now, the old people that could tell you real old stories are just about all gone. Just young generation living now. Now that old man I was with he was most Yuchi. ((refers to Oscar Polecat who lives east of Norman near Thunderbird Lake)) I know his mother and daddy both. His daddy not quite all Shawnee, and his mother was a Yuchi.

(In the old days, what tribes were the Shawnee's friends or enemies?)

Kickapoos, Sauk and Fox.

(Were they the friends?)

Yeah. Delawares. They used to have battles with the Kiowas Comanches, and Osage.

(And they were the enemies?)

Yeah.

(Where was your father born?)

Tennessee.

(Was he a Shawnee?)

No. He's three quarters German and a quarter English.

(How did he get into working as an Indian agent?)

He was married to my mother. Came to Oklahoma. He named that town Shawnee. He named that town. The used to name of that town is really Shawnee Town. Just one or two stores there. Then when government came on he got a job and he became superintendent. But he never had a day of school in his life.

(Was his title superintendent?)