

Esther: Uh-huh, Fillmore. And he moved on down into Oklahoma. He finally settled at what they call Coody's Bluff, Indian Territory. And I think they had nine children. No, three wives and nine children. There's Ike Secondine and Aunt Mary Bezine, she came down from up there, but I ...

Fred: I've heard of her but never did see her that I know of. I've heard of her.

Esther: And he had Aunt Tilda, Aunt Mary, and Uncle John. He had four brothers.

Fred: Well now, who was this, Henry Secondine? Who was his...

Esther: Ike.

Fred: Oh, Ike was his father. That was John's - Ike was John's boy.

Esther: While they was in the army, my grandpa come up onto a bunch of Mexicans that was all dead, that the soldiers had killed them all. And they - my, my grandpa. He said, "Oh don't! Don't!" The soldier had grabbed this baby up by the heels and was going to hit it against a tree. Said, "Let me have it." And he said, "I'll take it to the wife." So he took it and took it home with him and one of them children was 'bout the same age as that baby was. And their baby was nine-months old. So they just called that baby "Nine Months Old." And they raised it and, of course, they didn't know what it's name was, so they just called it Tom Secondine. And so...

Fred: Was that that Joe Secondine's father?

Esther: That was Anderson's and all them's . . .

Fred: Yeah, I've hear of Joe Secondine.

Esther: There's Jake and Joe Anderson, I believe. And maybe another one. And then he married a Shawnee. And there's where I'm related to Emmaline. And he got his schoolin' up there at that fort in Kansas. And, of course, he had nine children himself. I was youngest of these children. And he died in 1928, no, yeah - 1928. And, ah...

Fred: Ike hasn't been dead too long, has he?

Esther: Not too long, but pretty.

Fred: Because he used to come up there to our dances. I think he up there once, wasn't he?

Esther: I can't remember.

Esther: And there was, uh, and I've still got one brother older than me. And let's see, I guess he's 73. And I've got one sister and myself.

Fred: Cindy, isn't it? I got acquainted with Henry up at Bartlesville. That's how I got acquainted with him.

Esther: Well, I was raised like a white girl and it's just been in the last, let me see, my baby was born in '33 and she was 3 years old when I got back with the Indians again. So this year [1968] was my first time to dance in a Delaware costume.

Fred: Well, it always kind of got me when I talked to her. I could almost talk Indian to her, thinkin she'd understand. It's hard for me to figure couldn't talk it - she could understand it all right.