

think of it right when she asks me - what something was, or, and I'll be able to tell her, see; so I been pretty fortunate that-a-way, but a lot of it I've forgotten. Oh, I don't talk enough. I jest don't get 'round 'nough people talk it and you just lose it that-a-way. Just like you would any language if you didn't talk it and - you know once in awhile, well you get to where you wouldn't be able to.

Fern: Yah. And both of his brothers, full brothers, see he's got two full brothers and a full sister and then all this other bunch is half. They had the same father but different mothers. And there's just really the four of them, course there's just three of them -

Fred: Well, George died. We just got three now.

Fern: Yeah. And his brothers both; couldn't talk English when they went to school. Now they can't talk their language.

Katherine: (Well my goodness.)

Fred: Bill, he told me when he'd be at school, y'know, kids, you know white kids get to playing and they didn't want them to know what they talkin' 'bout, they'd just start talkin' Indian and them kids jest walk off. (Laughter) Yeah, that's the way they'd do. They got to where they forgot. Both of 'em did. Neither one could talk. Well, George could talk a little. But Bill, he said he just couldn't do it. Oh well, he could say some things y'know, but that's about all. He said, "I can understand it." Said, "They can't talk about me without I know it," but he said outside a that, he said, "I can't talk it." Now he understands it. If I say something to him, why he knows what I'm talkin.' about.

MARRIAGE

Fred: Father and Mother of each one, see, the boy and the girl, would get together and decide if they wanted their children to marry. Well, the mother and father would tell their son or daughter, which ever one it happened to be, that we want you to marry a certain person. Well, 'course they wasn't supposed to say no. They woulda had to go ahead and do it and when they did, well then, they'd pick the date, y'see, for their marriage and they'd go ahead and marry 'em then and when they was married, they were together for life then. They don't separate. And that's about all I know 'bout that.

INTERMARRIAGE WITH OTHER TRIBES

Katherine: (Did Delawares intermarry a lot with the Shawnees?)

Fred:, Quite a few of them did. Yeah they did. They shore did. Quite a few married Shawnees.

Katherine: (As I understand it, there's alot of Delawares down around Anadarko.) .