

as far as the Indians are concerned and when they see the, of course most of them are illiterate and when they see the picture of the eagle on a Republican party ~~literature~~ literature why they're impressed. So I think most of them at that time were Republicans. The Democrats had a rooster which of course the Indians didn't think much of a rooster. (Can you tell me a little bit about your paternal grandfather?)

KICKINGBIRD:

Kickingbird, Angopte (really Tene-angopte, but usually shortened in everyday use, my father has mentioned that it was shortened to just Angop by some speakers) why, I think he was quite a man; he was the first Indian to be ordained a minister, a Methodist minister in western Oklahoma and that's about the turn of the century and he was a preacher from then on until he died, he retired as a minister. And he helped build a church over at Mt. Scott which is known as Mt. Scott Indian Methodist Church at the present time. My maternal grandfathers and his brothers Harry, Guy, and Lynn Ware they built a chapel on what is presently known as Hog Creek and the chapel is still known as Ware Chapel; it was named Ware chapel because the Ware brothers built it. And at present it stands on what is now Hog Creek west of Anadarko, but the church is known as Ware Chapel, it's quite a set up down there, they have a Methodist conference every other year at Ware Chapel, it's built out there to accommodate a lot of people, but it's a Methodist conference. All in all, I think most of the Indians are pretty religious, always have known there is a god greater than all the gods or deities they worshipped, the worshipped different--deities, I guess you'd say, they always have known that there is a bigger god.

(What did your paternal grandfather do before he got into preaching?)

Well, the stories I've heard, he was a scout in the United States Army, an Indian scout, I know he lived over there by Medicine Park and he farmed a lot there, and he had cattle and he used to tell me stories about these mountain lions killing cattle so he's got to have a bunch of hounds that he, trail hounds, they track down these cougars or mountain lions or whatever you call them, they'd, these dogs would tree 'em, he'd come along on horseback and rope these mountain lions and pull them down off the tree. Course, I guess he'd, the dogs sometimes fight them and I don't know whether he would kill them or not, I guess they shoot them, I know he used to