

(Mrs. Curley: The mission school that you attended, what was it like? How was it?)

It was pretty good, but it was pertaining to--mostly it was teaching on the Bible all the way through. They had a regular reader course. They studied McGuffey's readers, and them good readers. I still remember lot of those incidents in the McGuffey. I remember when he telling about perserverence. And McGuffey say I--that you are my boys and working for some work of life in success, some success in life. He said it is right that you should. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. I never forget that.

(How old were you when you went to school?)

About 14, 12, 15, somewhere along in there. You know Kickingbird and my father were the first believers in the church. So they interested in that mission school. They wanted me--Kickingbird talk to my father, told me to put me in that mission school and I grow up and be a preacher. And I was dressed in the Indian customs. I had long hair and we just wear long shirts and that's all. I was dressed in Indian costume like that and they took me to school. I had on buckskin suit. Took me to school, seven years old and my hair was long and braided with otter skin. Otter skin and I was proud of my hair. They took me over there when I was seven years old. They had just started the school. The floor wasn't in yet, they just start making the floor. And they put me in there and Martinez and teacher say yeah--they talking Indian. Martinez was a Mexican captive and he understand Kiowa and he working for the school and he was the interpreter. Told my folks, "You just leave him here and we take care of him. Don't come back for two or three months." I heard it, you know. And I hadn't been away from home and I lived way down there in the mountains and took me more than 50 miles up there and they were going to leave me up there. "We going to dress him up in citizen clothes and we give you his clothes," and mother said, "I want his