

MUCH MORE ABOUT FAMILY OF KICKINGBIRD

(How far did Kickingbird live from Stumbling Bear?)

About half a mile.

(Which way, north or south?)

South. Yeah, they walk up and down each other's house all the time. We just live a mile west, where Stumbling Bear live. When we wanted to go to Kickingbird's, I know, we just walk across.

(Short ways huh?)

Yeah, no automobile in them days. Walk, horseback or wagon.

(Was this highway--no highway?)

No, no fences. Go anywhere you want to. No roads, no crossing, just find a crossing and go there and go on.

(Something--I just remembered something else about Kickingbird--now the original Kickingbird, I've seen pictures of him and he had some rings, he was wearing some rings, and then, today, I saw a picture down at Ft. Sill, and Kickingbird II he had some rings on. I wonder if they were the same rings, and if they were, what did they have on them?)

Rings? Well, they had rings in early days. Sometimes they make them themselves and sometimes they get them off Spanish traders. Old Mexican traders come in and bring furs. They bring axe, knives, jewelry, Indians buy them. That's where they get them. They got silversmith here. These Indians, they hammer out silver rings.

(Well, I was wondering, did you ever notice what Kickingbird had on his ring?

Or did he wear rings when he knew him?)

No, I didn't know the original Kickingbird myself. He had died before I born.

(Well what about this Preacher Kickingbird?)

Yeah, I didn't know the original Kickingbird. I know his widow though. They live about--