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Rose Carver, Miami

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(Today I am visiting with Rose Carver, an 83 year old Miami Indian of Peoria, Oklahoma. Mrs. Carver came to Indian territory in 1893 from her native home in Indiana. She tells many things regarding her tribe, their removal to Oklahoma, and her observations and recollections of Indian life.)

(Julie, the Miami's were from Indiana. Is that right?)

THE MIAMI TRIBE CAME FROM INDIANA

They was from Indiana, along the Ohio River. You see, this money that they are talking about paying us, was the money the government bought from them, I can't tell you just what year, but I know the years the treaty--I have been taught by my mother the treaty that was written by my grandmother and her father the Chief, in 1854. She helped to write it. All right it's land that the government bought off of them at ten cents (10¢) an acre, so that is what they are paying us for.

(Do you have any idea about when the Miami's moved from Indiana to Indian Territory?)

Well, I got no paper records, but I don't forget anything. The government said--you know they landed up here by Kansas City?

(Yes mam.)

Well, the white people crowded them so close, coming in so close, part of them decided they didn't want to stay there. So that was 1840. Well--the government brought them on down here to Miami Territory and put them on ground there on Neosho river and I don't know how far east it comes east of Miami and how far south it goes, how far north it goes, but anyway, that's where they put 'em. Well the government never deeded them that till 1844. I don't know just exactly, see there's two parts of them. There was a part stayed in Indiana, uh, around Peru, Indiana and as far as Wabash, Huntington, Fort Wayne and clean on in to Ohio.