

government give them a good opportunity to be somebody and learn to be somebody if they would do it, just like they are today going to white schools.

(Well, could it have been that the older folks resented the white man coming in and taking over?)

I think so. If I understand what I been told, you see my mother was a half-breed, French and Indian and she never had no opportunity to go to school--they just didn't have any schools in Indians. Of course it was a territory then and I don't know what year (Indiana become a state. If I formerly of knowed why I've forgotten more than I can remember. But it is just like any that's a territory--ever state's a territory until it becomes a state as far as that's concerned. But I don't know myself, I've not go no idea or nothing. We saw a Church House (not clear) and I don't know, I guess the people pay the teacher--

(Well, now let's see of the older schools around--I imagine some of them were probably subscription schools too?)

Well I have an idea. Yes.

(Let's see, what were some of those that were around here?)

Well, now between (static on tape)--and the building may be standing, maybe a dwelling house between Miami and Quapaw. There's a school called-- let's see now what they called that? Oh I don't know what year it stopped, but anyway it quit. But it was run by white people like I guess people in the district hired the teachers. But it was a pretty good school. But I don't think they was very many Indians kids--oh the Perry's might have sent their kids there because they had land all around.

(I've read in the paper where they still have their Indian meetings and Thanksgiving observances.)

Yes, I think they said the Ottawa's had some kind of a gathering there last week-end--Saturday and Sunday. I didn't go in to the--one of my neighbors did though.