

GOVERNMENT MISTREATED THEM BADLY

Course that was a dirty way for the government to do them that way.

(Yes it was, the government--)

They didn't want to leave their land.

(No.)

Mama said they just picked up a little handful of dirt and put it in a tobacco sack and take that with 'em. And my grandfather was a carpenter and the government took him with 'em to build their homes for them.

(Well it's wrong to look back on those injustices, but it's just human nature to think about that.)

Well, I'll tell you, the way the schools that's fixed for the Indian kids.

They don't compare the early life of the Indian with what the Indian was going through and what the Indian had to put up with.

(That's right.)

And back there they could buy them a nice home and they can sell it and get the money for it, the government wouldn't take it away from 'em.

(Right.)

The land that the government sold, they didn't get the money out of it, the government got it.

(But that is all part of the growth and progress of the Nation we have to say and we have to accept it, it can't be changed.)

During the 1812 war if you remember history, the Miami Indians was the greatest warriors that they had.

(I remember.)

Some of them old people, one or two was out here when we first come here, that is the Miami. Oh boy, Mama said that old man, he would just set and talk about how they took a place and how they done this and that.

I don't know whether the library over at Miami has a copy of the Miami Indians or not, I think though they do.