

There's Coon Clan, Alligator Clan and Birds, and the Wind Clan. And there's other clans that I never did know what they were.

MARITAL RESTRICTIONS AMONG CLANS

And in the olden days--not olden days, oh, say fifteen twenty years ago, these clans meant a great deal. But like everything else, clan doesn't mean much anymore. They intermarry. In the olden days why they were strict about intermarriage. But it doesn't mean anything much anymore.

(In the old days if you were--say you were a member of the Tiger Clan and you wouldn't dare marry a woman who belonged to the Tiger Clan?)

No and I couldn't. I couldn't afford to marry a daughter of the Tiger Clan.

If she was a Tiger Clan's daughter why then I couldn't marry her. In a way, she would have been my daughter. It's--today it's called inbred. But any-

more, why these clans doesn't mean much. Like the Tiger Clan. In my case,

I would have to stand up to my father's clan. I wouldn't let nobody make fun of them or anything, protect them and all of that. But anymore, it doesn't draw the line. They just make fun of one another.

(Now what was your father's clan?)

Deer.

(Deer.)

Deer Clan.

(Now you couldn't marry--as a Tiger, you couldn't marry a girl from the Deer Clan either. Either the Tiger or Deer.)

The Tiger or Deer. I couldn't marry them. I'd have to find somebody else.

But they told somebody that he was a member of a certain clan. And every-

time he got kinda interested in somebody, why relative of his--why he just

decided one day that everybody was his cousin. So he couldn't ever marry.

BIRTHPLACE AND FAMILY RELATIONS

(Charlie, you were born southwest of Wewoka. Out where your mother lives now,