

no coffee to serve him or anything of any kind, so I went out to the well, pumped him some water, took him some cold water in there--fresh water--and that old man always called me "dad". Called my wife, "mama". "Mom", he said, "you and dad, I want you to come to the house Sunday and eat with us". He didn't say "me", he said "us". So I didn't know what he meant--I thought it was a great honor for the Chief of the Ponca Indians to come to my house to invite me for dinner the following Sunday. That following Sunday, we went to his house. When we got there the table was already set and on the north side, there was a quilt there and a brand new pillow. He told me to sit there. So the three old gentlemen that was there was Horse Chief Eagle, Jim Williams, another Chief and Sam Big Snake, another Chief. They sat there and smoked their tobacco and their Kinnikinnick. Whatever they had in there, they smoked. I can't say they smoked with me, because I didn't. So when they got through, we eat. After we got through eating, old man Horse Chief says this, "now, papa," he says, "I want you to listen close. I'm gonna tell you something. I have three boys and a daughter. These three boys"--He named them by their Indian names--Ni-kawakondah--that was David Horse Chief's Indian name. Mac-u-zinga, that was Simon Eagle's Indian name. Wate-linga was McKinley's Indian name. Noze-zi was the Indian name of Mary Kirball. So this is what the Old Man Horse Chief said, "when I am dead and gone, papa", he says, "My children are going to say, my father told me to do this. He left this with me, but papa, it's not so. I didn't tell 'em a thing". When he told me this, he wanted me to bear witness, me and my wife, to that effect. So I still remember the words that the old man said to me. Now when he got through, he says now, "Jim"--hidisise (?) was his name. Now that was Chief Jim Williams. He said, "Well, grandson, for a number of years, we have been watching you. You have been singing unauthorized. You might have paid for your seat, but nobody ever authorized you to sing. As of