

Mary Maude "Grandma" Supernaw
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Kugee: say they had, when they went to war, they prayed to the, to the sun and to the thunder?

Grandma: Uh huh!

Grandma: Yeah, they use to war, go so much, after more Indian come, you know, every, all the Indian, I don't know where they, the other Indian come from. Anyhow, they fight each other when they could, aren't fighting white people. They soldiers, you know, they make it, they pray for sun, they pray for that lightning, that lightning storm will come, that, that's what they have fight. That's what they use for, uh, war you know, a lot of people, Indian, Quapaw

Kugee: They fought the Osages one time, didn't they?

Grandma: Uh huh! I don't know where Osage, I never did hear Osage's story.

Kugee: The Quapaws fought the Osages, didn't they, one time?

Grandma: Uh huh! Yeah, they fight one time. I, I told daddy. Osage, uh, uh, after get more, more people, you know, I guess, they, they come fighting, Osage come, come fighting. So they went back, uh, and so, they went back and, they all Osage went home, and so, Quapaw, they going, slip up on them. They would, Osage used to be, they, somebody die, you know, they always go up on hill, cry in the morning. When they do that, they kill them and they, they can't kill them, they just go home, that's the way they do all time. So, they going slip up on them, so, uh, they all had teepee, you know, tent, not teepee, just round, like Osage they had, you know. So, they all around them, uh, they going starve them. So, uh, kids crying, I don't know how many they have around them. Uh, kids crying, crying, want go outside and I guess they want a drink. They won't let them go outside and shoot right through the tent, like that, you know. Then finally Osage

give up. They come out, they say, going to give up now. They say going make friends with them. So, so they shake hand with them, all kids and women, all shake hand with them. So, that's where they come get acquainted with the Osage, they claim. That's what, lot of people, when they was little, uh, they steal the little, you little boy, if you had a boy or a girl, they raise them, adopted, that's the reason they are all mixed up like.