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Grandma: And the Quapaws split up, and then, uh, some of them live Mississippi (River) and some of them they like Arkansas (River), so people live over there too, Quapaw. They divide up and, and at, later on, uh, I guess they fighting a different kind of Indian, back there.

Later on, and a earthquake¹ come, so everybody (Quapaws) got scared, and you see that, oh, tree fall in that river and all like that, you know, you know them hill, big hill just shaking down, rock getting ready to fall, water come out of the hill. So, old people, uh, pray for all night, and sit around and sing and talk and, smoking all night, and in the morning they got horse. They took horse and them big brass kettle, broad cloth, tobacco, all like that. So, oh, one man take him, take him (horse) out there in the, uh, in the water, in the Arkansas. After get way down in that there middle, middle way and they kill him and then they drown that horse. So that's, that's what the earthquake, they stop, they said.

And uh, and uh, before uh, earthquake stop, and uh, man that, I guess, he ain't, he ain't got no sense, I guess he got, oh, bull, uh, buffalo hide. Wrap it up in there and roll around where earthquake going, he said sing for me, he said, just roll around in there.

That's what story is right there, before the earthquake quit. So they come to, they stop they claim, and next time earthquake come they, they don't think they stop anymore, that's what story is. That, that's all there is, that one there, story.

¹ Rise Supernaw was told this would have been 1811 New Madrid earthquake.