

Mary Maude "Grandma" Supernaw
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Bill: Did you ever, you ever run any foot races?

Grandma: Yeah, I race all time, run, foot race. I beat all girls and boys too, I beat boys too. And uh, up to Pawhuska, I went up there school¹, and them girls they all, I run a race with them. They told me which one girl run fast, I run with her and I beat her too. So, they won't run a race with me anymore. So, I beat all them girls.

That's reason I caught turkey too, uh, young turkey, my father went hunting, uh, young turkey, uh, he just broke a wing here and he brought it (home). We always raise little deer too, and we went after deer, my mother, we look for them, they, we brought back, and a, a box was in that, and my mother raise it up with turkey in there. Running outside, and because he can't fly, just run. Deer all both got scared. Here you, you hold, I mean, uh, take care of them deer, you go after that turkey. So, here I went, oh, at, uh, toward the road, where road was now, just, he just look around, which way he's going, going run. When he see me, just run, I run with him, go, about time I catching, it turn, I go round. Uh, couple time miss turn and I finally grab him, I grab the little, bring back.

Bill: Where was that?

Grandma: Oh, out to farm², our place, used to be. And the deer, and uh, got alright, they got scared. They just come home eat, but they didn't come home. We went, we went look for it. Uh, sometime they go away people kill them, didn't come back. My father sometime bring one and we raise her, and it get big and uh, so long, they didn't come back, I guess somebody kill them.

¹ St. Louis Girls Parochial School

² Mary Maude "Grandma" Supernaw's Osage Allotment, west of Skiatook.