

Mary Maude "Grandma" Supernaw
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Bill: This recording is by Grandma Supernaw. Did there ever used to be any otters around here¹?

Grandma: Who?

Bill: Otters. You know where you get the otter tails and otter hides.

Grandma: Well, one time my father, we going to Pawhuska, we camping, somewhere up there Bull Creek, and, and he, I don't know how he come to find out otter around there in that, uh, deep water there, on the ice, under the, ice out over the water, and my father find out where otter is so, and he cut hole in that, so it gets fresh air when they come out. He cut two hole in that, uh, one on the side, one on that side and, and the other one, west side. So, he told my mother, uh, he told my mother, watching at the other hole, so he watching the other side, and he had a gun, pistol with it, so whenever otter come out of hole, sticking nose out and get fresh air, and uh, he, he shot him in the head, and so he got one and next time he, he watching again so, another one come up for get fresh air, so he, he kill it too with uh, pistol. So, so he killed two that time, so, and uh, so he skin it, so, we take, he took that, we went Pawhuska, so he sold them otter hide up to Pawhuska, for, uh, for two for eight dollar, that's the way he got it for. That's why I know, I know what kind of otter is, so, I can tell otter hides. I guess that's all there is to it.

Bill: Hmmm.

Grandma: Huh.

¹ Quapaw Creek, West of present day town of Skiatook, Oklahoma.