

Mary Maude "Grandma" Supernaw

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Subject: Lost Creek Cave - Located west of Quapaw Cree (1969 Kugee Supernaw Interview)

Lost Creek Cave

(1969 Kugee Supernaw Interview)

Kugee: Your father found a cave out there?

Grandma: Uh huh! Lost Creek.

Kugee: Lost Creek?

Grandma: Uh huh. And uh, dog, uh, smell around in there he, he thought maybe coon in there, he looked in there, and uh, oh, he find something else, you know, so he look and, and he took something, make light and he light something and look around, see something else over there, see something else over there. Oh, after, later on, and I don't know how he did find out, take somebody with him. They find out there lot of dishes in there. They're storage, kind a shelf like, two shelf, lot of storage and jug and dishes, pan, all kind, big cave, kind of machine like, you know, make, making goods like this, you know, machine. That kind of storage, I guess they know they going to have war, civil war, you know. They storage everything in there, must be store, something. They didn't know. They find everything in there, oh, but they didn't look for anymore. And, my father went up there to, they went down there, brought lot of dishes with him, put in wagon and brought home. We used to have it, all kind dishes, blue, dark blue flower in it. Big platter, that big, just lot of dishes they brought, we had but all broke up now, we didn't, I ain't got no more of them.

Kugee: Where's that at, Lost Creek?

Grandma: Lost Creek, back that way, they call Lost Creek.

Kugee: Over by Turkey Creek?

Grandma: Yeah, Martin, back that way, cross Quapaw, back that way.

Kugee: Up there by Battle Creek, that far, they say?

Grandma: Uh huh. My father went back down there last time, went back in there, and he find big cave there, you know, big rock fall in there, fill that hole.

Kugee: It did?

Grandma: But, white people didn't know it, they could blast it out, they could get out whatever they want, lot of things in there.

Kugee: Still there?

Grandma: Uh huh! Just covered up in that hole, gate covered up. That's all.

Kugee: Hmm, Lost Creek though, I can't think where that is. Do you know where Battle Creek is?

Grandma: Uh huh!

Kugee: Is it up there?

Grandma: Uh huh, that go that way.

Kugee: By that big bluff?

Grandma: Uh huh, yeah, big bluff, I guess, big bluff go around there. Crack there, I guess. Now a big rock in there, cover it up. Didn't tell nobody, can look right there, might find it, blast it out. Lot of things in there, dishes weren't rotten, so I guess, a lot of things in there.

Kugee: Huh!

Grandma: He always tell your Grandpa (Bill Supernaw, Sr.). Uh, he always tell him, but he didn't know what, what he means, says he just point at, like that, you know. He didn't know what he mean, he said, after he died, talking about it.

Kugee: Oh, he couldn't understand him?

Grandma: Uh huh, yeah!

Kugee: That was your father?

Grandma: Uh huh! He didn't know that, your grandpa, uh, your, your daddy's daddy (John W. Supernaw). He told him where it was, but he didn't know. Lost Creek that's all, Lost Creek.