

Maude "Grandma" Supernaw

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QUAPAW FUNERAL DINNERS

Grandma Supernaw told her son, Bill, how the custom of having dinners after Quapaw Indian funerals started. She said her father, Louis Angel or Tall Chief, died in 1918 and he was buried about noon that day. So she just fed everyone there. She said that is how it all began.

Francis GoodEagle was at the funeral and dinner. He liked Grandma's father very much. The next year he told Grandma Supernaw that her father was such a good man, they should have another dinner. So she had a memorial dinner for Tall Chief that next year. She also had a memorial dinner for him on the third year of the funeral anniversary. So from then on, Quapaws gave a dinner on the funeral day and one dinner each anniversary for 2 years.