

NOTES TO THE NATION DECEMBER 12, 2008

INTERESTING NEWS ARTICLE FROM 1912

Attached is a news article from the Osage Journal dated May 30, 1912. I think this was found recently by our friend, Bill Kennedy, and has been circulating among our Osage citizens.

I sent it to Tina Allen and she read it to her mother, Annette Gore, who has always had a keen interest in our Osage history. She established the Annette Gore Library in the Osage Cultural Center in Pawhuska by donating much of her collection of books on Indian history.

I received this letter from her and am passing it along. She mentions several families. Some may be your relatives:

Dear Congressman Supernaw:

What a wonderful article and so like things are in the modern day with Harvard as the surrogate for the Federal Government and the all of the Attorneys that have descended like a plague on our government pocketbook.

Just for fun, I read it to Mother without telling her when it was written until it was disclosed in the article. Boy did that take her back. She said that Franklin Revard was married to a woman named Manzie and that he was a fabulous story teller. She mentioned that a number of those on the list, "...could tell wonderful stories." She said that Frank Tinker and his wife, Louise were like nobody else. He had a wonderful sense of humor. She called them, as most did back then, Uncle Frank and Aunt Louise. She said that they had a big sprawling house and that her family would go over to visit along with others and they would have square dances that, "...were just the most fun." They were the parents of Chief Sylvester Tinker. I remember him as a child taking me aside and telling me that Mother was the most beautiful Osage woman in the Tribe. With awe, I repeated this admission later on to Mother and she laughed and said that Chief Tinker said that about all of the Osage women in the Tribe and that he was a "charming" man. My first experience with this sort of thing. She also mentioned that along with Franklin Revard, Burt Dennison from Ponca City was also a great story teller. When the family would visit Burt they would also go and see Uncle Art Fronkier and they had wonderful square dances too. She said that Art would see her watching as a child from the sidelines with eyes as big as saucers and he would give her the thrill of her life when he would occasionally come over and ask her to dance. "I *loved* those square dances," she said. "Those Osages were just the funnest people in the world. They had a tremendous sense of humor. You respected the elders in the families back in the old days." She spoke of them with a sort of reverence and admiration that I have rarely ever heard. She also clarified that the Foster lease was something that she discovered in her research and that she did not remember it. At any rate, it was nice to hear her go on so happily about that period in her life.

Thank you for sending the article along. We really enjoyed it.

Tina

The 1912 article is an attachment.