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HIGHLIGHTS:

- A very brief interview touching on treaty rights and on the history of the Swan River Reserve.

My grandfather told me about the treaties my father never said anything 'cause he was not so involved.

My grandfather told me to watch out later on 'cause the white man will take everything from the Indians, fishing, hunting, and other ways of hunting would be stopped later in the future. They will give you license to hunt; don't take it.

I later took the scrip and became a Metis Indian. I was told also that we give only a few inches of land only.

Question by Dave Kappo:

What did your grandfather understand about the agreements on the hunting rights?

They will never stop that, he said. He has promised the Indian will live like he always has, hunting and fishing.

Question by Dave Kappo:

Today we went to see this lady (Mrs. Twinn). They used

to have a burial ground in 1918. How do you understand that, do the treaty Indians own that piece of land?

The way I understand it is that the Indians own that land not the white man. What happened there was that a man from the army after the war came and lived in that land. He started farming there and the Indians said nothing, right in the middle of the reserve. And it was surveyed way before the man moved in, before the war. When the Indians went to see him he said it was given to him by the army. Now the road runs through there too. He thought the Indians got enough land. There is another man (white) who lives in a reserve 7 - 8 miles from here. He stayed there for 20 years. After 20 years you can't chase a man off there it says. Who gave him the land I don't know; then he sold it to another. First time I heard about (the 20 years deal).

Question by Dave Kappo:

What about this town that's inside the reserve did they sell it?

Well when the railroad came through here they wanted to buy 40 acres. The money would go to Ottawa for other purposes for the Indians. So the white man owns that land. It was sold there 8-9 years ago, they bought another 40 acres.

Question by Dave Kappo:

How did your grandfather understand about farming help?

I know that they would supply machinery, and equipment to farm. While working, he would be given rations.

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