

IRON RANGE RESEARCH CENTER

Oral History Interview

NAME: Bob Ottertail

# OF TAPES: 2

INTERVIEWER: Jerre Pete

DATE: December 7, 1996

PLACE:

ACCESSION #:

Tape 1/Side 1

**Jerre Pete:** ....what I want to know is uh, where you were born and uh your, do you have any brothers and sisters and where you lived and uh...

**Bob Ottertail:** ....born...

**JP:** You were born in Lac La Croix?

**Translator:** Yeah.

**JP:** All right. Did you live any place else when you were growing up?

**BO:** Yeah...

**JP:** You lived in Lake Vermilion?

**BO:** Yeah. .... Tower. .... they're all from. From the government, uh... I .... someplace else. Reservations. Um.

**T:** Like my dad. He's come over there, hey?

**BO:** Yeah.

**T:** .... visit here, married here. That's how he became Canadian. ....student... canoe guide ... U.S.?

**BO:** Yeah.

**I:** That's how it used to work. Nowadays it's applications, forms and everything else, you know?

**BO:** *(Ojibwe)*

**I:** Tower.

**BO:** *(Ojibwe)*

**I:** It's just 5 minutes from here.

**BO:** *(Ojibwe)*

**I:** Did you ever go to that Lake Vermilion school up there?

**BO:** *(Ojibwe)*

**JP:** Did you ever go to that uh, Lake Vermilion school out there?

**T:** Ms. Robert.... Bob Gawboys. And his wife.

**BO:** ... Gowboy. ....

**T:** That's how he got his name as "Robert." After her husband, I guess.

**BO:** Yeah.

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**T:** I guess we did go to school over there, but then they come and got him.

**BO:** ....

**T:** ... no reason why.

**BO:** ....

**T:** Elizabeth was...

*The remainder of this interview is partially in Ojibwe, unclear and very quiet.*