

or what's what in both tribes. I have a record of the original allottees and can figure out about who's who, you know. Well, Frank Beaver was the first chief that I have any recollection of, of our tribes. Of course, there were chiefs before him. I think that Jim Charley, Old Jim Charley, I believe was our, the first chief that we had after we came down here, although Beaver was the chief for, all of the time during my time. These other fellows was all gone before my time. But Frank Beaver was the chief for a long time. And then they, I guess they just let everything go. And there was no chief.

BECOMES CHIEF OF TRIBE

Well, a couple or three guys got together over here at Mrs. Palmer's one day, and they got to talking about that they ought to have a chief. Well, an uncle of mine, Uncle Will Perry, he is gone now, he's dead, he and four and five others got together and they had a little meeting over there and they called me in. Well, I went in. So, they got together and formed a business committee, and put me in as chief. Well, I acted as chief until such time, as it got to the point where Andrews, Mr. Andrews up here was the agent at the time, and they got a deal through whereby they could loan these people money. And they could rehabilitate their tribe. And tribesmen who were down and out didn't have much, so, he called me in and I went over there, and he said, "Mac, I tell you what you can do. You can count about, I'll guarantee you, you can get up about thirty, forty-five dollars here, to loan out to these various members of your tribe, at a 3% interest per annum." I said, "Well, it looks pretty good." But I got to studying about it and I got to thinking about it, and in a way, I was glad to get out of it.