

Interior Department had made with the Shawnees. And they said as long as the Shawnees, this Indian tribe holds together as a tribe, elect their own chief and leaders, then that would be official. Well, they come down here and they didn't do that. Uncle Charles was the chief, Charles Bluejacket, you know. And they didn't hold together and have their tribal meetings and carry on as an official Indian tribe. Consequently, when Kansas became a state, which was just a few years after they come down here, they took their allotments for taxes. And you know mother and dad went to Kansas City and tried to find out where her mother's--see her mother had died--where her mother's allotment was. Well, they couldn't find out a thing. Nobody knew. They went to the courthouse. No, they just couldn't find out a thing. Well, they got a lawyer. Oh, he said, I'll find out, yes. Well, several months had passed by and they got a letter from him. He said, "I located your mother's homestead." And he said, "I would like to buy it and I'll give \$450.00 dollars for it." Listen if you found her homestead wasn't the other land there too?

(I would certainly think so.)

Why it was. Russell and I went right to it. We went over to Topeka to the historical museum. And as it so happened one of the engineers was in there. We were talking about this. We--they've got the land. Price and the description of the land right there in the museum. And he said, "Folks I don't want to butt into your business, but if I can help you I would like to. And the land that you are talking about there, this Susan Bluejacket's family's allotment of 200 acres," he said, "I'll just draw a little map, cause I know just exactly where it is." And he drew us a little plot up right there. Showed us just