

young man. Said he--maybe he was way' younger than (Osage name) here. And there was old man Black Dog there and old man Claremore. Lot of chiefs and bands was there, all in there. And this Cherokee man come. Said he's a Cherokee and he had 3 or 4 men with him. And see the Osages bought it from way where that hill is west of Cleveland. From middle of that goes to east, middle of that goes west that way. Bought all of that in here, the government did for them. Well, he come back and he wanted to buy the middle of the river back on that side. He wanted to buy that back. But my father said he didn't owe the money. Had lot of Cash. Chief Black Dog signed that. Chief Claremore signed that. Not this bunch of Claremore, but this Claremore over here. And they signed it. Well, then the rest of 'em didn't. Just them two signed it. They just sat down. Well, this one man he had bills (Osage name) that big around, rubber over it. He passed it down to each one of 'em. My father said when he got his, he give it to his uncle. He didn't know what money was. He don't know how much he give 'em for that strip across there. And then later in the year, they called it Cherokee Strip. The white people from Kansas going over it to homestead you know. Middle of that river goes on that side. Middle of that river is ours. That's what he said. 'Cause they give the Indians money. They all got a big roll of money, but I don't know, he said, how much it was, I didn't hear 'em say. That's what he done. But now one woman was telling me that one of their people loaned some money to Osage long time ago. Well, I guess that's be the next one that's going to come in and sue us, I guess. I said I didn't hear about that. I said, the government bought this. They was up in Kansas. They put 'em up Kansas. They was way out in Mississippi, Missouri and all through down there. Here and there where they camp, well that was our land, I guess. Move 'em down to Kansas and from Kansas they move 'em here. They bought this land. This land belong to the Cherokees. They didn't like it because there ain't no farming land, just rock and black jack. So, they told the government to buy them land further east. So, that's where they at now. And then the government bought this for the Osages. So, that's why we're here. If it wasn't for this