

early life and some of his political doings and he was compiling a more or less an outline of what he was going to tell me and it just so happened that he had not completed what he had wanted to tell me. It's unfortunate that I did not get a portion of what he was going to tell me, but I could not force him to tell me--he was a man that wanted to do it right, in the right manner, and he had just now had completed the outline that he was going to tell me. He also related to me during that time that he had been schooled by Mr. Lookout. He had taught him many things. And when Mr. Lookout passed away, I think they got Mr. Lookout's brother to assume the chieftainship to fulfill his term and then I think Mr. John Oberly was the chief and then he passed away in 1951. And then he was appointed by the Council to fulfill the chieftainship. Then in 1954 he was elected as Principal chief of the Osage Tribe, and was re-elected from then on, up to now. And Mr. Pitts, I understand had led a very fruitful life. He was instrumental in organizing the National Congress of American Indians, and he was a member of the executive committee and he participated in I think, in almost every convention that they held. And of course he was delegate from the Osage Tribe and was accorded as such, with honors. And I do remember, at one time when the people, I think they were having a convention in the city of Phoenix, Arizona, that he was more or less, some of the Indians there had some derogatory remarks against him and which angered the Osage people and the Osage Tribe and we were--I was attending a council meeting at that time when the report came in and I think it was Mr. Jim Kennedy of Tulsa, was councilman at that time, got up and made a speech about if they couldn't treat our delegate, our Chief, we would not support--would not have anything to do and would not send any delegates, down