

Yes, each Shawnee on each roll of the different Shawnees in Oklahoma originally there are three bands, were at one time, one solid band.

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(I understand that your first reservation here in this county was 60 thousand acres. How much do you own now? How much tribal land do--)

Only tribal land that we have at the present time, something around 55 acres. And a few tenths over. The land that was allotted to most of the Indians people was approximately all been sold.

(Have you, have you been paid on any of your claims?)

We have one settlement on, we have one settlement on one claim, and we have one claim of the land that's in Kansas. It was told, that we would receive payment on that, they were in act of having that settled last year. But there has been no farther notice on that one claim. We have about sixteen claims in the end in file against the government. One with the Senecas, the rest if Shawnee claims, unsettled.

(Mr. Bluejacket has the tribe, that we know as the Eastern Shawnee, the group here in Ottawa County, have you kept up with any of the old tribal custom?)

It seems that we have here in Ottawa County, is most of our older people have gone on, before. They use to carry several of the Indian ritual in death, and have suppers. But since they have past on the traditional is almost faded away in our part of the county. Altho, we do have Cherokee Shawnee Indians located around from Bluejacket on west, White Oak, where they make and carry on tribal dances in which we do have several of our Eastern Shawnee members that participate with those. In their tribal ritual, dances.

(Is that the bread dance, and that different--)

Yeah, it's that Bread Dance, Buffalo Dance, Green corn.

(You also participate in the Quapaw pow-wow don't you?)

Yes, we have several different members of the Shawnee tribe who come as far off down as around Shawnee, Oklahoma. We have a lot of Shawnee Indians, in around Tulsa, and we have some of our own.