

(Did you trade with them?)

Perhaps they did. Yes, they had some kind of a trading understanding like corn or something like horses.

(Are there any stories the Wichita tell about where they people began way back? Do the Wichita have any stories like that?)

Yes, I'm not versed in those. I tell you..where the trouble lies, you just don't quite know who the man was or the woman was knew these mythologies. So, in that respect, I couldn't say that I could relate to you. But I tell you, do they have this book on mythology at the State University Library?

(Yes.)

I looked at one here, two or three years ago, I guess it's well I did get a few, but this man never did deal on the exact origin of our people, where they came from.

#### ALLOTMENTS AND PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS WICHITA LANDS:

(If we come back up to the allotment period, I've never understood how people got their allotments. That is how the Indians picked their allotments.)

Well, I had a father-in-law he was a surveyor helper. Well, he wasn't my father-in-law until, well he never was. But I married his daughter after he passed away. Well she used to tell me that her father was a helper and the way they did the allotment..the surveying, maybe the allot survey a certain tract, and then tell a certain person that that's going to be your land. But they were notified there was going to be an allotment. The chiefs were notified that they were going to allot this land, under the Allotment Act, and any land that came to surveyor, they would take someone out and say this is going to be your land. That's the way things were allotted.

(So the family didn't have any choice?)

No. No, well, perhaps they might of been some few people requested that might like to have it. But as a whole, she just told me that they just allotted the land as they came to a land and as they finished the measurement, they would tell a certain person, well that is your land. So that was it.