

Marlow. We called it the Wood Reserve. And Pasture Number Four over here at Hobart, on Tipi Mountain. And One and Two on Red River. Well, they want surveyors to go with the surveying crew to set up townsites and establish center corners for allotments. So the Agent asked me if I want to go and I joined them. So I joined the Allotting Crew Number Two. They had two of them. One went west and the other went east. Then we'd work from Anadarko to Hobart and the other bunch went from Anadarko towards south of Lawton and on the west end of Red River and we go up to meeting in Red River and then come back in. That was in 1907. There was Indians that took allotments in 1906 that were cancelled. Because some people had already sneaked in there and built homes and had orchards and had 160 acres of plowed land. They was farming. And the Indians picked those places that was already cultivated and had houses on them. So those farmers they got a hold of a congressman and they got a bill in Congress to buy that land from the government on seventeen installments--to a Bill in Congress, give the homesteaders the right to buy that land and pay for it in seventeen installment payments. Cancel those allotments that was made over there and told them to go back and find it over here--that there was plenty of land over here. So some of those Indians that already pick land, when they cancel it, they didn't want to go over here and pick up land and they told the Allotting Agent to select land for them. So me and the Allotting Agent select about ten quarters for some of those Indians. Yeah, I helped select some land.

HOW INDIANS SELECTED THEIR ALLOTMENTS

(Did you pick out pretty good land for them?)

Best we could, yeah. We're the ones that settles all the contracting south of Lawton, like Randlett and Grandfield, and Waurika and all those.

(Say, in general, did the Indians get pretty good land, or how would you--?)

Well, after the first--they had first pick and some of the government officials