

WORKING FOR AGENCY:

So they granted it and gave him a job. To go ahead and ask them and take care of the farming and take care of the agency, keep it like a janitor like. Take care of the agency and farm. So he started on that first farming there. What he done is on the north--it's north of that old agency where my grandfather worked about 120 acres there. All in there. He plowed all of that. It was just sod. There wasn't no ground broken, so he broke it. And he growed corn and he growed many other stuff that farmers plant there. He planted every spring. He start working on that. So he started planting that corn. Planted ~~coffee~~ corn, and he planted other, like cotton and stuff that way. See that was then the cotton gin and all that was in Chickasha. There wasn't no cotton gin or nothing around Anadarko. There was just a very few building in that time. Very few building when my grandfather start working for the Indian Agency. That's in the early days, way back in 18--must be about 1878 I guess. Somewhere in there. When he start working for the Indian Department. He worked right around there for many years and then finally when they made a good settlement, everything was going good, well he build a log cabin just about half a mile south over here right on this place, half a mile south. He build a log cabin and made a house out of log. He made the floor with, I guess, I don't know how he got those tree and cut them down and sawed them so thin, I don't know how he done it, but he made them floor, just like a floor we got here. It's not no board floor but kind of a clay in there and he put it in there and when it dry he sand it down over there with I don't know what rocks or whatever it was. He floor in there just like we got floor here. And everything was built good, but only thing that he didn't have was no window. Cause there wasn't no windows couldn't get no glass. So he had to get barks and other things to put