

EARLY EXPERIENCES IN OKLAHOMA WITH INDIANS:

I came from Arkansas, AHartford, Arkansas, coal mining camp, in 1903 and I lived in Garfield County, married there, and moved to Caddo County in 1910 and have since lived here. Had quite a little dealings with Indians, the old more so, the older generation than now and I've been on the farm. Now, I'm livin' in Carnegie, a widow, and remarried in '46 and I lost that husband in '62 and I have since lived alone here in Carnegie.

(You say your first husband leased ah--)

Indian land.

(Indian land from which tribe?)

They was the Kiowas. We leased and farmed that on through after his death, he died in '37 and my sons, we kept that lease up til last year, '66. And another man take the lease over.

(And that first year, your first lease--)

\$75 a year. It was in the sod. He broke 50 acres out and that's considered quite a big of farm land in those days.

(That was 1910?)

Yes, but it was before he--see that '10 we didn't hardly, it was in the Spring and the next year we leased this place. This man uses it as pasture.

(And you said sometimes you paid for it in crop payment?)

Yes, some did. Ah, we'd rent it, they'd lease like crop rent we called it you know, third and fourth. But, they soon, there's some of them that would--I've known people there that would lease--Ole Big Tome he was our neighbor over on ole Tom's side and pull the good ears off and throw it on their side and he caught 'em and he run 'em off. Jest little old stinkin' things like that. Anything to get by with that's all. But there's so many of the older tribe have died off. Course their lands gone on jest like white people on down. And once in a while (--) an Indian allotment, down close there. And I still have it. It isn't but 45 acres in cultivation on it. The rest of it is rough and we raise cattle and used it as pasture. We gave \$4450.00 for the quarter at that time.

(Bout when was that?)