

freight for the government. You furnish your own team--horses, and for the wagon--the government furnish the wagon. New wagon. And you go up to Caldwell, Kansas and haul freight for the government agency and schools. If you make one trip, you get a wagon. They issue it to you. You earned it.

WAGONS ISSUED TO INDIANS WHO HAULED FREIGHT

(To the Kiowas?)

Yeah, the Kiowas. So, every time you haul freight maybe twenty Indians go. Twenty wagons or thirty of them. And there will be one freight boss, one of them Kiowas. The government gives him so much money in case they break down--they tell him to use that money for repairs. And he's the freight boss. And he goes up there. And they furnish so much ration for us to eat on the road, too. That's what my father said. He made a lot of trips. He helped other Indians get wagons. He drive for them. He go up there and drive--bring freight and then the other one get the wagon. Cause some of those Indians don't know how to drive and they got bad horses. And at crossin's, their horses can't pull up hill. They get stuck down in the creek and can't make it and the freight boss, he stop all the wagons. All the men go down there and help push it up to the top of the hill. That's the way they do. And so one white man, he show him how to double up teams. Put another team on the end of the tongue with chains and four horses, instead of all the men pulling that. And they learned that. And my father was telling me one time, he said, "We went sometimes to Caldwell, sometimes to Henrietta, Texas, sometimes to Pauls Valley."

INDIAN FREIGHTERS PUT ON IMPROMPTU DANCE AT PAULS VALLEY

Says, "It happened that this time we went to Pauls Valley--just about 30 wagons." Well, sometimes forty or fifty wagons go. These frieghters they haul flour, sugar and coffee, and everything like that--everything. Hoes, shovels--and some of them heavy. And they're the ones that government issued