

back to Clinton. At that time Oklahoma had narrow roads. The road was pretty narrow between Elk City and Clinton. So we got to Clinton about eight o'clock. John Fletcher says, "I'm going to sleep a week! Just think, the other day I was in Canada!" We went back on that road that runs toward Hobart--from Clinton to Hobart. West of Gotebo that road went back east. That's how we came. We come to Carnegie. And we thought the folks had already moved back, you know. Because we were already gone about a month. And we started back to where Apache Ben used to live. That's over there at Boone--southwest of Boone. And nobody was there. This was around ten. From there we started towards Anadarko, the Old Man and I. We got over there about eleven. Everybody was in bed already--that's there where Gertie lives now (East Main street in Anadarko). We got there about eleven. So they fixed me a bed. I lived there, you know. I said, "I don't want nobody to bother me for about two days!" So, believe it or not, I slept! I slept two days.

(How old a man was John Fletcher?)

Well, he around sixty-five, at that time. He died when he was about seventy or seventy-five.

(How did Ben get acquainted with him?)

Well, they know--the Cheyennes, Arapahoes, and Apaches--they kinda drew that Treaty--Medicine Lodge Treaty--up. I don't know just how John Fletcher and Apache Ben got acquainted. But they know each others. They became friend, and John Fletcher done a little work for Apache Ben, through this Native American Church. There's a lot of our Indians get acquainted in that way. They were pretty good friends. So John Fletcher and me, well, we didn't have no expense money, but Apache Ben took us. I was the driver and John Fletcher was kinda--a little--to cheer up the Old Man. He's pretty good. He know how--just like people that know how to travel. John Fletcher know them peoples. Because he's been out there before. Some of his relatives live out in Montana. Some of the friends he knows there at Wyoming. Over there at Wyoming at the reservation they call "Wind River." Wind River Reservation. It's Shoshone and Arapaho live in that area.