

(When you were attending these colleges, who paid your tuition?)

Myself.

(Were you being paid--?)

Oh, I'll take that back. I wrote for some people back in New York, Utica, New York, on the book of the Cheyennes and Arapahoes. The book was entitled "War Paths and Cattle Trails." I sent the man in bringing about--I was the field informant for him, and he paid me every week--wherever I was--whether I was in Michigan, Wyoming, Colorado I assembled eight pages of material. I'd mail it to him about Friday, airmail, and when he'd get that mail, he'd wire me money this minute, wherever it was. Forty-five, and then he jumped it to seventy dollars a week. Well then I had my income, land, lease money, and so forth. They advance me. I took care of most of my own clothes, and I ate simple food and then the anthropologists--the others--like the Catholic sisters--those that were writing histories about other tribes--like from St. Cloud, Minnesota. And then the anthropologists from the Field Museum of Natural History of New York--when they'd contact me, they'd always give me money. Of course, my folks, sometimes, they'd just send me money.

(What years were you going to college?)

1911, I went to--after I took Civil Service my mother got sick and I came back home and that fall-1911. In 1913 I think I went to Chicago. And again, in--I went in the service again, office. And then in 1915 I went to this University of Oklahoma--I mean this Dr. Morris E. Smith--work about six months--and then I went again in 1936--I went again to Columbia. And I took the anthropology alphabet and studied it and completed my work with Dr. Morris and Dr. Elkins. Then again, 1932, I think I went to Chicago again. Studied four months with Fred Eggans. And then, 1929, I went again to this Morris E. Smith. He died the next year. We worked all through the field here.

(Did you attend classes at the colleges?)

Yeah, sometimes. Sometimes we done office work, and just got together volumes of reference. Sometimes I made corrections. I didn't only study--I taught 'em, in turn.

(That's what I was wondering.)

Yeah, I taught 'em. Taught 'em Indian life, of Indians that Indians don't like to tell