

TRADING AT CHICKASHA AND FIRST TIME GUY SAW A TRAIN

Yeah, but they didn't have much use for money them days. Only place you could use it was Chickasha. There was only one trading store in Chickasha. That's before them had them in Anadarko.

(What was the name of that place?)

That store? Well, I don't know the name of that, but it was general merchandise. It had everything--groceries, dry goods, hardware. It was a, just a general store. Had everything.

(Well, was that in the reservation? Was Chickasha?)

No, it was just outside. And the people would go over there and trade.

(Well, did many of the Indians go over there and trade?)

Yes, before they had that store there, they had to go to Caldwell, Kansas and Mangum--or Henrietta (?) for trade.

(Well, could the Indians leave the reservation anytime they wanted to go to these stores?)

They go in caravans. Ten or six--five, six or ten wagons at a time. And they camp over there and they trade. They built a railroad as far as Chickasha. That's as far as the railroad goes. And it had a roundhouse there. They'd go up there and they drive around there and they turn it around, and they head it (the train) north again, and it goes north. That's the first place I ever saw a train--Chickasha. I tell you my experience on seeing that train in Chickasha. My folks went over there to trade. Dad was in the wagon. One day it was train time and the folks was going to take the children to see the train. We was pretty good size boys-- 8, 9, 10 (years old). And we went over there. And there was nothing but a prairie. Tall grass, and lot of places it was