

in, they'd have it baled. And they'd hire us to haul that hay to the station to load it on boxcars.

(What kinds of prices did you get for selling the hay?)

Well, we got - ordinarily every year - as far as I know - it used to be about six and a half dollars a ton. Loose hay. Course they bale it after that and then they'd pay us for hauling. Oh, they give us two dollars and a half, a team, a day. Sometimes we'd haul, like to - where my folks lived over at the station at Greenfield about three and a half miles - We got \$5 (?) a day for hauling that home. Say about two loads a day. Four or five days, of course. Depend on how much hay they bought from us.

(Well, like you were selling this hay for \$6.50 a ton, then would this money just go to one family or to one person?)

The owners of the land. The owners of the land got it. Like my father used to get all that money. Family.

(Well was this after they had allotted you?)

Yes, after they had allotted us.

(Well before they had allotted you and while the reservation was still being held in common, did anybody farm back then?)

Well, they didn't seel that hay back there then. Put up for their own use.

In fact the government issued them wire, and they made their own posts. They fenced off small acres for their own use. They'd have that hay stacked in those fields, for their own use. They were working collectively. And they didn't sell it. Cause there weren't any railroads then.

(By working it collectively, could you explain that a little bit more? How many people might work together?)

Oh, say, there'd be about five or six tipis full of (?) in certain place. They cut that hay and they had boys - young men - run the mowers. And us kids - I