

(This is Bill Saver and Mr. Abe Grad in the Dixie Store in Carnegie, Oklahoma. Mr. Grad has been a resident of Carnegie for 55 years and has had many dealings with the Indians around Carnegie. And he is going to talk about how he came to Oklahoma and his activities for the past 55 years.)

When I came to Carnegie, the Indians used to drive the old time covered wagons. The women used to carry their babies on their back. They called them paposses. And they were very nice people in every respect, and easy to get along with 'em cause it comes to sellings goods, the salesman did not do much good because they usually had their mind made up what they wanted cause they could see what they want and usually the price they want to pay. So seem would not walk with them. The best to show 'em things, leave 'em alone and they make up their minds and they very nice about it. So far as I know, some of the best football players on the Carnegie school teams were Indians. And also some of the best baseball players on the Carnegie baseball team were Indians. They all their handwirting is very clear and intellegence and they are all very good. Some of our best sign painters are Indians and some are very good mechanics, and in fact, some have worked on my car. And so they are very intellegence. Suppose they have their opportunities same as white people have until just last century but (--) different from white-people. Course they got their ways about 'em. Course the white people got our ways about ourselves. I got along with them and never had much differences in any form. Ever since a nice friendly community to live in.

(When did you come here?)

I came here in 1911, and when I came here this town was not very much developed. It was about good a nice community. And nice as any place