

came in, if I go I won't earn anything, if I go to work here, I'll get paid here, it won't be much, but it's a beginning. So my choice was this is the opportunity for me. I'm gonna grab it. And so I took the opportunity when the job was offered to me 'cause I knew I had to have money and that was the only way I was gonna have it.

(When you got out, Howard, when you were in the service you said that you felt like you were treated just like anybody else, there's no difference, and being in there for twelve years and having that sort of relationship, when you got back out did you notice or sense any change? In this relationship to other people. Did you feel any different about the, did you suddenly become more of an Indian when you got out, because people recognize you as more of an Indian, or did it make any difference?)

I don't think so. I think I was always involved in...well, I got involved and acquainted with people who didn't think of me as an Indian. I mean they might but...

(You came back to Indian country and it still didn't seem to make much difference to you, did it?)

No, reason why it happened was, when I got out, I came back here and learned this trade from this dry cleaning shop, and then one time there was an advertisement in the, rather a want ad in the Oklahoman. A Guthrie cleaning shop needed an employee, and I wasn't in Watonga very long. And I thought, just for the heck of it, I'm going to run down there and see what this guy wants. So I went down there and told him how long I'd worked for the cleaning shop. And he said, well, I need a fellow, would you come work for me next week. I said well,...course he offered me more money than I was making, so I said 'yeah'. I went back and told the boss I had another