

Chisholm's grave--and you say the government build that for him?) The government built that in 1884. I slept in that house and played around there. I used to think that house was tall when I was little. But now it don't look very big. Yeah, he lived in it. He lived in the southeast room. And there was a living room in the center, and the west room was a kitchen, and that north partition was the visitor's room, and there was an upstairs for anybody that wanted to come and sleep. And the northeast room was his sons'. His sons lived in that room--they roomed there. They hauled that lumber from Wichita, Kansas.

(Did the Indians help in construction?)

Yeah, my father and different ones helped. At that time there was no El Reno and no Oklahoma City and no Enid or nothing. Caldwell (Kansas) was the nearest town but that's just small town. Medford and Caldwell. But Wichita was the biggest town. That's where the Indians did most of their freighting from, for the government rations, and supplies for the Agency, and school supplies.

(Did Left Hand used to camp around here before they were allotted?)

Yeah. Before we were allotted in 1892 he lived around here. He had a herd of spotted norses and cattle. They kind of put this-- he registered to have his allotment made here, and his wife's allotment here, and his other wife down here, and his boys all those quarters back in there, and off here as we come in from the south about a half mile, these other boys. And his sister's land was back here, and his wife's brother's land was north of here. All this was Indian land.

(He had 160 acres here?)