

They stayed where they was.

(Who, who assigned these allotments? Was it the Seminole Nation or the United States government?)

Must be United States government, but it bound to been agreement with de tribe.

(Well, was the Governor Brown or Jackson Br wn there at the time? Did this happen at the company store?)

No suh.

(Where did it happen?)

The court house, at the court house.

(That was still, it was still the Seminole Nation then?)

Yes suh.

(Before statehood, well 1901, of course.) How long did it take, do you have any idea to get all this land assigned?)

Oh Gawd, I wouldn't know. No suh, I wouldn't know. It take quite a while, I know.

(Well, was there any controversy over it? Did people fall out because someone got the land they wanted or--)

No, no, not that I know of.

(This was when they started fencing their property?)

Yes suh.

(Up until that time, there weren't many fences?)

There wasn't any, only, you know, your farm, de land dat you farmed, you had fence round that. You had to, cause de stock was running loose. Yes suh, wolf, hog horses, cattle, everything was loose, running loose. So yo' fence was round your so-called farm, de land dat you farmed.

(Was this just one strand of wire, generally?)

No suh, rail fence.

(rail fence?)

Yes suh. Take quite a while to split rails and make fences, wouldn't it?)

Dat's why dey wasn't no big farms, I guess, den.