

own cloth?)

Well, some of 'em did.

(Did they have--if they had surplus cotton, how was it marketed? Who did they sell it to?)

They had a cotton gin here--at Wewoka. I think they--yeah, dey had one at Sasakwa.

(Do you remember when the first cotton gin was built at Wewoka?)

No suh, I don't. When I come to know, it was there.

(Do you remember the name of it?)

No suh, I don't--but it belong to de Brown folks.

(The Trading Company? Now, wasn't there a Choctaw Cotton Gin here at one time?)

I think that was in late year, I mean early year--no, in late year. Yes sir, I believe dat was de name of it--an I'll tell you how it was operated. Now, they had an upstairs where you carry this cotton--you weigh and unload your cotton, then you had a basket. Put that cotton in a basket and you carried it upstairs and emptied on the floor, there, there on the floor, there, and ah, and down here dey worked--you know, go round, around like--dat's the way de cotton was, was, ah ginned.

(Like a sorghum mill?)

Yes that's it, that's it, and ah, and ah, you poured that cotton in da, in da--what-cha-call-'em up there, and it was ginned out and throwed out on a --den you, you put in, ah in ah, ah, I don't know--it's a, it's a, well it's made like a kiln or something like that. That cotton was put in there and then you, ah, dat's the way you made your bale.

(Your seeds came out on one side and the lint on the other ?)

That's right, that's right.

(And then, after you got about--how big were the bales?)

Oh, they, they'd make 'em average size.

(About 500 pounds?)

Yeah, 500 pounds, something like that.

(They were wrapped--)

Yes sir--and all dat was done through hand.