

Well, El Reno--before it moved to where it is now--used to be straight east from old Darlington. Two miles east of it on the north side of the river. That's where El Reno started. And of course they had a lot of grocery stores and dry goods stores and livery barns where they sold horses and saddles. And all the Indians--whole strings of wagons--used to go over there and buy their things. And I know some of these men about my age-- I remember when they were boys--when their folks were buying bundles of shawls and dress goods--enough to give to their folks when the resurrection came. One fellow said to me, "When my mother opened her package it was full of moth holes."

#### HOW UNEDUCATED INDIANS CALCULATED THE MONEY SUMS

(You said something interesting about your father taking an ear of corn to figure out that payment--explain how he did that.)

Well, most of the families did that because they were doing that among themselves when the rest of the kids were in school, you know. There was nobody to figure or do any writing. The only way they could ascertain what was the amount. My father counted out his seventy-five dollars and my mother's and me and my two brothers and sister. That first year it was all right, but when they counted the second year's payment my father tried to count seventy-five dollars and it was way short. Then he count out how many he was short and how much they actually got. He said so many hundred dollars were short. Same way with the third payment--nineteen dollars. No seventy-five dollars.

(Did he do this counting out on three different times?)

He counted every year. Every time a payment was due.

(What would he do--count out seventy-five grains of corn--or?)