

we'll be right there. Well he said, "That's good, but there ain't gonna be no buffalo, they gonna kill them buffalo, there ain't gonna be any." He told He told 'em; said they gonna kill them and if you over there you're going to starve. Looked like they was goin' to play right into their hands. And that was the policy of the government--then--to exterminate these Indians. That's what I, when I went to school, I studied about Abraham Lincoln and I thought oh, he's the most wonderful man I ever seen and I ever heard about. I used to kinda think he's all right. Then later on I got to digging around in these Indian things and found that order, that extermination order the president before him, he issued that, and old Lincoln, he never did change that. That was the order when he was president, see. That they were to exterminate the Indians, just starve him out and get his land and run him out of his land. So now I don't, I'm not so hot on Abraham Lincoln. So that's where I found that out. Then, anyway, he told them they gonna kill all them buffalo, there won't be no buffalo. You can't live out there. So anyway, they went on. they went out there. So then he went ahead, and they still hadn't found a place. And they went to look that land over, suppose, and they stayed the winter, they did. They froze, some of them froze. Then this old man, why he went ahead with this Ross and Bushyhead, and he was making deal for this land. They was wanting to sell all this land, which they eventually did. Finally he got these fellows to come, some of them, I don't know who all came. He go 'em down here. They were in Washington, dealing, they were ready to sell it to them, sell it to the Osages. And finally, they got some of these chiefs to come and as far as they got was Cleveland. They was coming; they could bought all the way out to the salt lands--all that land, Cherokee Outlet. They could owned all that. But these guys, they got as far as Cleveland--well they got that whiskey there, why, they got drunk. They all got drunk over here at Cleveland, that's as far as they went. And they waited on 'em in Washington. Finally one of them sober enough to