older Indian employees that used to go t El Reno. And I used to hear that they went--You know they used to have these prostitutes in houses, you know? I know there'd be a lot of Cherokee and Choctaw girls, they'd come west just because there's soldiers here at Fort Reno, and cowboys and Indians. They used to flock into El Reno. And I heard they used to do that quite a bit.

(What did the other--like their families and the other Arapahoes--what did they think about it?)

Well, they always denounce those men that practice that. "If Indian women aren't good enough for them, that they have to go to white people--" They say, "Those girls should not be foolish enough to accept them."

(Were there very many--back in those days--were there very many prostitutes around?)

One time I heard there's forty-one. Most of 'em were Cherokee women and girls and Choctaws and Chicasaws. Come from there to where they're not known--come to here. Course Fort Reno had lot of soldiers, and there were cowboys round here and Indians. They had found a pretty good place there, I guess.

(Where did they stay, mostly?)

Well, you know, there was near the line--Cheyenne-Arapaho line--there was--right where the railroad at Darlington crosses--that underpass. I think the first section line east was considered the east boundary of the Cheyenne-Arapaho country. On the east that was the Choctaw, opened 1889--three years before our country opened. And up to that mark, that line, was Choctaw country, and that's where the prostitution houses were. They call 'em red lights. And that's where they-- And one or two boys--especially mixed bloods--married those girls.

(Was that before the country opened?)

Before 1892--before the country opened, yeah.

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(What about after that?)

After that they still carried on, just so it was outside--oh, they could move in since our town expanded. They could move in. But later on, well the thing started with the Kiowas and Comanches. Started in Chicasha. Chickasha was started then when the Kiowa Country opened up because they came in the territory then--