

We sold all kind of boots at the store. And those that were scouts--army scouts--they were issued army boots. They were warm. And when their time of scout service expired, of course they took them home and give them to somebody else.

OPENING OF KIOWA AND COMANCHE COUNTRY:

(Getting away from how they used to dress, what about the year following when you worked at the store--can you think of an event that happened that year that you could remember that year by?)

Well, one thing that I remember--it was not in our tribe--but there was a Kiowa case known as the Lone Wolf case that was tried before the courts in Washington--the court of Claims, and Appeals Court and Supreme Court. About that time--nineteen hundred and one or nineteen-two. And nineteen-one is when the Kiowa-Comanche-Apache country opened. They had that drawing there at El Reno. I used to go there. Lot of white people come in from all over the United States--on trains, freights, and wagons, covered wagons, buggies. They all centered at El Reno where the registration was held. August, 1901. Then the Kiowas and Comanches got thier allotments and the town started. Oh the town of Anadarko's Agency was there all right, but the town started right south of the Agency. Just a kind of tent town, you might say, in nineteen hundred and one. And Verden, east of Anadarko, and Chickasha, Apache and Carnegie and Mountain View--they all started about that time--nineteen-two. Lawton sold water for a while--ten cents a gallon.

(Were you down there? Did you see that tent city?)

Oh yes. There were lot of gamblers come into those towns. I went from Anadarko to Lawton to visit my folks there. They used to have wooden kegs--fifteen or twenty-gallon kegs--town people bought their water up there at certain places. Of course they could go to the creek if they want to. But those people that lived in town, they bought their water from somewhere else.

(What were the white people like that moved into that country?)

Well, they're way different from what you folks are now. There were wot of them that came from Missouri and Kansas. They were fleshy, heavy-set women. Lot of them had freckled faces. They weren't slim like you are--they were chunky. And they wore long dresses so you couldn't see their shoe tops. Now you can see above