

your knees! (laughs) And they wore corsets. And they rode side-saddles. Side-saddle dresses came way up--I know they had to drag them if they walked. They used to hold their dresses up when they walked. And their neck--it was gray up there, and they had long sleeves. And they wore black hats, like, tied down here. That's the way the dresses looked.

(Were the people that came into this Arapaho and Cheyenne country when it opened-- did you notice any difference between the people that settled this country and the ones that came in and settled that reservation down there?)

Oh, yeah. There was quite a difference, yeah. Different mode of dressing about that time. Didn't see no side saddles any more, and women dressed neater.

(When was that?)

That was in 1902, 1903. Course the girls wore high collars, and waists, you know, with ruffles around the collar. Long sleeves.

(Was there any difference, though, that you ever noticed, about where the people came from that settled this reservation and the people that settled that Kiowa and Comanche reservation?)

I don't know. They came from all over. I know we talked to some of them at El Reno that were going to the Kiowa and Comanche opening. Some came from Michigan, Minnesota--places, you know, and were going to try to get land here. Some come from Ohio and Indian and those places. Some were pretty well-to-do people, I guess. They had buggies.

(Was there any difference that you noticed in the way people that settled this country and the people that settled that country, in the way they got along with the Indians or in their attitude?)

Well, here in our country, when Watonga first started, they had a treasurer--the County-Treasurer--a full-blood Indian. Educated at Haskell, Kansas. Then there was an Indian that had attended Carlisle who was a pretty good blacksmith. He built a house in Wagonga and started a blacksmithing business. He married a white woman. And of course eventually he and his wife separated. But he married an Indian woman after that. Then when the Kiowa country opened years after that,