

heck, long time must be some of them guys finish six grade in maybe twelve years. That's all I got, you know. Government, I don't think, in one way, I don't think they want the Indians to learn. I heard, I had trouble with Trachoma, my eyes, you know. Well, I don't know it; how I got it, but they said I got Trachoma, and they give me this strong eye water, I guess trying to kill it, you know. But they couldn't do it. They operated on my eyes about three times, didn't do any good. Then I had to get out of school, you know. Dr. Anderson, he's the one got me out from town. He gave me something to put in my eyes. They all right, you know, but it took a long time. Then, I tried to go back to school. I went back to school, all right. Later on, you know, I went on, I went--I tried Haskell, you know. I went up there. I didn't go there too long. I having lot of trouble, look like sickness, all the time, you know. My lungs, you know was bad. Then on top of that, I got rheumatism. In school. I told them people, I can't go to school. Then my eyes weren't too good, you know.

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Then I come home, I think it was in 1920. I didn't stay up there about two years, I think. I came home, you know, finally came out here in 1943, I have it. We were down here at the creek, you know. Come out, trying to get a loan you know, make crop. But, yeah, they were going to give me a loan, all right. But I told them, you know, I kind of, I don't think--I can't make it on that other place, you know. Seem like they (the Indian Office) wanted me to come out here. Well, it's my wife's place. Well, way I looking at it, well, do something here, plant wheat. Always was good wheat land. Yeah, and this clerk (at the office) told me, "Joe, you can, I don't think you could farm that place". But I told him that I could try it. That's the only way you got to do. Well, I didn't have nothing. Didn't have nothing. So you might get your wife to lease that place to that man. I didn't kind of want to, but they--seem like they kind of force me. So I told them, well if I had this place, I make that loan. But, see I didn't want to make it down there, on account of didn't having me--couldn't plant no wheat down there. Well, I asked that man, you give me lan, give us lan, you have pay with some of the lease money, which we