

filed on it. I gave 50 cents an acre for some land. That was the best I could do. They would say, "Now don't go before an Indian agent, because if you do he will charge you half of what you get out of it, you just deal with us. That's the way they get our confidence first. Some of the white men would get me to interpret for them, you know. I used to interpret for all lawyers around there, you know. (Words are not clear) helping make contracts, you know. So, instead of talking deals to 'e, I would say, "I can get you more money for that." Say that to the fullbloods, you know. "If you'll just wait a about a week I can get you more money than he offered you." When he'd come back, I'd say, "Well, I got more money. This man will give you \$1.00 an acre for cultivating land, 75¢ for the hay baling, and 50¢ an acre for pasture." Maybe somebody would want to buy this land, you know, and their edges would be right close together. Most of them would jump the fence, you know.

(Yes, they would.)

And I'd take it sown to the ranger and make a contract. And then somebody would come to me and say, "What went wrong? What went wrong? What happened?" I'd say "Well, the Indian agent went up to him and told them that there was a man that bought that land." The bottom land, you know. Well, did it 'cause I knew they were getting skinned.

(Right.)

Just daylight robbers, you know. "Cause what they would do. . . they would pay half of it in June and half of it in January. But maybe never pay the second half. Now that did happen. (Static interference on the tape.) In the past few days my daughter has seen records of an Indian named (name not clear).

(several sentences not clear) There was a family of full bloods, their name was Gratts. They had some land between here and Claremore. Gratts told me, says "You get in touch with old man (name not clear) he was the Indian agent and you be here on Wednesday. And he. . . that was the Indian agent's namethen-