

by Felix S. Cohn, the Solicitor of the Department of Interior, who's a Jew, well-versed lawyer at the--got a volume of reference on laws--certain laws of Indians, in which he said that this law should exempt Indians. He cited several cases--John Marshall, and all those earlier celebrated judges of the Supreme Court, which proved out to be all true. So now we get the benefit of those-- Beside those, the Allotment Act of 1887 that declared Indian lands under trust status, non-taxable, as long as the trust period was involved. But when they became competent, self-sufficient to do their own business, then when the trust period expired--twenty-five years--they were given all the freedom of their fee simple patents to do all their own business and management as any other citizen would, but that those lands would not be susceptible to obligation of whatever Indian may have had before he was issued that fee patent simple.

(Are there any other Apahoes besides yourself that have worked with this Nation at Congress of American Indians?)

Well, I'm the only charter member. I represent the Cheyennes and Arapahoes in the state of Oklahoma from that time.

TRIBAL CONSTITUTIONS AND PROBLEM OF TRIBAL ROLLS:

(Do other tribes-- What about the other Plains tribes in Oklahoma, like the Kiowas--?)

Well the Kiowas had--the original member of it was part Arapaho boy, named James Dogemah. He died. And the Comanche member, also part Arapaho, was Albert Attocknie. He also died. Then there was an Apache boy by the name of Howard Soontay who was a chartered member. He's living yet, but he's not active. Then there are two Caddoes--Andrew Dunlap of Binger and Dan Madrano of Tulsa. He's part Espanol. And he died. But Andrew's living yet. Anyway, there has been new members, but the Kiowas have been stalling. I don't know why they don't organize or nothing. They can't get up their Constitution and by-laws right now. They have no enrollment. They got judgment money of six million. But they intend to distribute that by law of descent. If they can do that, well, everybody won't get into that. But if they enroll, well then there'll be full enrollment of all Kiowas, Comanches, that are enrolled at the present time. That's living now at the present time; under an enrollment, like