

The unallotted Osage Indians are the ones who didn't get any headright of their own or any land allotted to them. They were born from July 1, 1907 and were unallotted. And the ones who were allotted had to be born before the rolls closed, at that date I think it was, it could have been in 1906. I saw a law on that at the agency and a lot of people said "Well, how can you prove that you are Indian." I heard that expression in the past, "Who is Indian?" The Osages do have that written into a law that those born after a certain date in 1907 shall be known as unallotted Osage Indians. Since the oil business has been on the downward trend, there have been many things entered into the peoples mind about what to do about the tribe as a whole and the Indians as a whole and there was a group about three or four years ago, that tried to do something about it.

ONO ESTABLISHED TO HELP THE UNALLOTTED OSAGES

They are known as ONO or Osage Nation Organization. This group got together and incorporated in accordance with the laws in the State of Oklahoma and are active today, in what they believe, to keep together a remnant of Osage Tribe. They have set their laws and by-laws. And in this they have stated that you must be one-fourth Osage Indian or over in order to belong to this organization. It isn't set up to cause anyone to feel like they are not an Osage because they have a little bit of Indian blood, but it is set up to help those who do have Indian blood, and maybe have some problems because they are Indian. This organization wants to hold on to the traditions and other things that pertain to the Indian way of life, that otherwise might be lost, such as the way the 2,229 headrights were. Right now there's over four hundred of them that doesn't have any connection with the Osage Tribe at all. It is people who have invested in them and they have bought as business, sort of on the same order of oil stock which has been a good business and I hope will continue to be a good business. But you can see it is getting away from the Osages and getting out of their hands as time goes on, because the ones who have married out of the