

(What years were you at Chilocco?)

I was there from 1919 to 1923.

(Then you finished high school then at Chilocco.)

Yes. I finished high school there. I came home. And I farmed a couple of years.

JOBS AFTER FINISHING SCHOOL AT CHILOCCO

And I asked for a job at Chilocco. And I was fortunate that I was called to go to work on CCID. And after I proved my worth, why the school hired me.

And I worked there for eight years. And I quit Chilocco and went to Wichita.

(What is CCID?)

That was soil conversation.

(Indian Department?)

Yes. Yes, Indian Department.

(And you--you were at Chilocco then, until you left to go to work at Wichita for Boeing?)

After I left Chilocco, I went into the service. Armed services. I was with-- I wasn't--I was too old. But anyway they took me and I served six months on active duty. And I was released to defense plant, and I went to Wichita. I worked there until I retired.

(How long did you live in Wichita? How many years?)

Really, I commuted from Ark City to Wichita. I worked at Wichita eight years.

(Eight years.)

I helped build the biggest portion of the B-47 and B-52's. And I just had one job. And that was working for putting a strip of metal under the cabin section. I used to work up in the cabin section where all these panels are, and down below. I specialized in sheet metals.

LIFE AT MEKASUKEY MISSION

(Tell me about your early days at Mekasukey. From the time you started there