

when they allotted the Osages their land, I think it was six hundred and sixty some acres--Sixty-two, or three acres. But they didn't allocate this land all in one piece there. It seem like allocate land is one hundred and sixty, one place and a hundred and sixty another and so on. It seemed to me they could have done a lot better if they would have given the Indian his--all his land one place. Again I guess the people who organized it, the allocation, I imagine they wanted to be fair to everyone. And such as they might give one party a piece of land on a hill, nothing but trees. Where the other one would receive rather fertile land. So they devised a plan to scatter all these allotments out. And so, it was in my youth, in those days father had--as all Indians had--they had quite a few horses and we learned to ride at a very young age. We would go from place to place, to our neighbors. We would have neighbors come up and we would ride--go riding and so all this time when I was small I remember my grandmother--my father's mother. She lived with us at the time. I remember that she couldn't speak English and consequently us younger children were forced to-- I guess learned how to understand anyway, if not to converse with them. And she at the time was getting very old and so we used to--she had her farm out here. It was about oh six or eight miles to the west of ours. And she sometimes would go up there and stay awhile. Then she would come back and stay with us awhile. But she was getting--like I said, staying with us when I was real small. It seemed back in those days that our relatives were more or less--more close than they are today. And we were always receiving visitors from our relations and other people. So, just like my father's only brother, Edgar Maker, he would come down and they would visit. And so, the way, as I remember we would--and we'd always take a vacation in the summertime. Sometimes we would go to Colorado Springs. But other time we would go--I remember a trip we were taking one time. I don't recall the exact year but there was my father and mother and of course