

were going to give allotments to Indians. And let settlers come in. So that's what they done. So, at that time, Indians, they kind of have places to camp, you know. Just like the Apaches, they camped right west of Fort Cobb--right across the river there. So there were some Apaches in this area where I live, back towards Boone. And there's some over there in what we call the Kichai Hills over there around Cement. There were some Apaches there. These are Apaches I'm talking about, you know. Because the other two tribes, they associate with them through the treaty and because of intermarriage. So we're going to come to the place where the Indians start--after they got piece of land--they start rounding up ponies. Government give them cattles and some of them, they done good, you know. What I mean, they had plenty of horses and had plenty of cows to take care of and some start in breaking up sod ground. These new lands, and plowing up pasture and making agricultural land out of it. Because these pioneers--white peoples--they come in, too, you know. They kind of watched these white peoples operate. So we had guys that had good knowledge and kind of imitate or follow the footstep of white peoples. They milk cows and butcher hogs, and a few of these fellows, they put up feed so they could feed their cattles during the winter time. Some of them, they start building fences where their land--they chose it, where they want to live. Just like right here where I live, my grandpa and his brother, Big Tom, and grandpa's wife--Apache John's wife--they picked this area here. And they picked some lands over there around Hatchetville, around Boone. And they all supposed to have got around 320 acres, but they just got half of it. They wind up with 160 acres. So this place here, this is what my grandpa (Apache John) got. He and his brother kind of joined here. They call him Big Tom -- bá'í.žò.dè -- that's Apache John's brother. Big Tom's wife's kinfolks, they got lands around here--about right over here. Back up east--they all got lands in here. The government ask them, they said, "Whereabouts do you want to locate yourselves and your homes?" Which lot do you want to pick out?" So these Apaches, they told them places. And Guy Quoetone, he was one of the helpers that time (in allotting). He was a surveyor. He