

Yeah. The water was cutting--that river crawls, you know. Changes channels. Well, the government were kind of a little bit helpful in some ways--try to help these people that decide to do a little farming, you know. Tennison Berry, when he came home from Carlisle, he was interpreter. He was doing pretty good. He farmed. Yeah, for a long time--I don't know how many years. He was a pretty good farmer. You take Apache Ben, he was a farmer. We got some of his pictures someplace. We got a picture someplace where he's standing in his wheat field. They shocked them wheat in those days--tie them in bundles. They had a machine to do those things. And when they get ready to thrash those wheat they get one of these what you call a "bundle-wagon"--kind of a hayrack, like. Throw those wheat shocks in that wagon, and when they get a load they take it up to that thrashing machine.

(When Tennison Berry was farming, was he farming at the same time as Apache Ben?)

Oh, yeah, we had several of them farming. There were the Red-bones and Winner Smith and Clayton Bitsidi. Those fellows, they were young. What I mean, they were around 35 or 40 years old at that time. This was right along the time of World War I. That's when I begin to realize--I was part-human, I guess. And those things I seen at that time. And on this side we had three or four of them--like Greg Klinekole, he was a farmer, and Henry Achilta. And of course Johnny Tohisky, he was kind of a hired hand for Apache Ben, and Joe Blackbear, he farmed a little, and Allen Sontay, he farmed a little. Anyway, we had several peoples that were capable.

(What kind of crops did they put in back in those days?)

Almost the same what we have today. But it was wheat, and corn, and cane. I think that was almost what we call the major part or outstanding crop. Because wheat, you could get it cut or sell it or store it or take it somewheres where you could have it ground into flour. And they used to do that right there at Apache. And right over here west at Cooperton. This cane--if you got stock, you got to raise something that you could feed the stock in winter. And there was sudan (grass). Sudan's