

monetary value as the white man says. And that's just one instance that shows you how the Osages were back in the days of the 18th century, I mean in the 1800's. So, as we go along, I go to another era. It came when they moved to the present reservation. The Osage reservation Oklahoma was acquired around, in fact, the negotiations began around 1860--latter part of the 1860's, and completed in 1870, and the tribe had all come down here by 1873. They didn't all come down here all in one group or anything like that. And just took them several years to migrate you might say. These places they had to send after, more or less scouts and leaders to see the--prepare a place for when they got there. Look over the land where the water was good, where the wood was plentiful and the game was also abundant. That's the places they had to look for and, we had certain people to go out and find these places. And it so happened that my folks, who were Little Osage, they took these, the more or less southern part of the reservation. And so it came, I don't recall just exactly when the first oil well was drilled in the county, I think it was up there, around Bartlesville, just across the line--Osage county line, from Bartlesville which was the first oil well was drilled. At any rate, the explorations of the oil was continued, around there when the Oklahoma became a state, the Osage reservation was there and they--it has in the record, the allocations and the head rights per form and the mineral.

THE OSAGE PEOPLE ACQUIRE A MINERAL TRUST FROM GOVERNMENT

And the Osage acquired what they call a mineral trust from the federal government for, certain length of time and which they worked to these head rights, would be all the minerals that come to one certain department, the Osage agency--the proceeds, I mean and be processed out and taxes paid and such as that.

Then what was left we would distribute to the 2,229 head right owners which were on the rolls--which was on the roll in 1907. So as it goes--

MOST OF THEM DIDN'T LIKE FARMING - THEY HAD DIFFICULTY IN MAKING ADJUSTMENT

--along in the days right after state hood and when we had our mineral trust