

When I was just a little chunk of a boy I could go down there. I could remember them fellows. They all of them talked Indian. They didn't-they didn't talk English. They just spoke Indian. I never did learn it, but however, I tell you I been to some of them sometimes when they really they really done some tall talking. Well, then they'd, meet and have their council meetings of course, and there take care of their tribal affairs and so on and so forth, but another thing that-that they did in that day and time. Now, if you was gonna have a payment they had a payment coming up, why they'd notify the chief that a certain time why you'd you'd gonna have a payment. Well, the old Indian agency was over here on close to the Missouri line at that time and they'd go over there and talk the thing over. Well then you had to send three men-- For instance you had a payment coming up, and they had to send three men to Washington, D.C., to say that they'd accept this payment. They was ready to accept it, see. Well they did that, that was a custom for a long, long time. Well they'd pick out three fellows and they'd send 'em up there, you know, and they'd go up and tell 'em, "Yeh, we'll take your money." And then they'd come home. (laughter) That's all there was to it. But that was custom. They did that. 'Course anymore they don't do that, but however, that was the old way of doing it. Well, I don't know if after the country was allotted and all, well they got rid of a lot of that. And, of course, at one time there, you know, they had their Indian police and they worked out of the agency, you know, and had three of them. And they'd work out of the agency from the agent down there and then they'd go out over the reservation, you know, and kinda keep people quiet. Keep 'em from gettin' shot up or something. But that was over close the Seneca and