

Osages were very active and they all tried to get on the council, you know, they thought that was a great thing. So they start adopting these white people. Some of these white people bring load of wood or bring a deer and share with the people, well they take liking to him and they adopt him and call him as a son. He's not no Indian, but they talk that way. Well that wasn't on no roll that time. It was territory then and all these band leaders they were hustling to get many as they can to adopt so they could have the votes to be on the council. They didn't know the land was going to be divided at all, you know. Everything was wide open. So it went on like that till these chieftans they all had to sign whatever they agreed to, whatever proposition comes up, they all had to agree to it and sign it. Well, sometime it delays a thing because some of the chief objects to it. And to hurry the thing up these people learn'em how to go about to, you know, get one and that's when these chief business started.

WHITES GAIN TOO MUCH INFLUENCE AMONG OSAGES

(Elect one chief)

One chief to be over all the Indians. He'd be the only one to sign it 'course he had a council, you know, and he'd have right to sign it. Well, that's the way it started since it come from Kansas. It went on and it's still that way now. By election, you know, but here before, the chiefs been handed down you know. Going down by childrens, if there ain't no childrens, nephews or cousins or somebody inherit it. They keep that honor going you know. But now it's different. We all have to do like the white people. We vote and elect somebody. And all them that's adopted when the roll was