

(DQ Did you talk English to him at all?) I talk Indian to him. No English.

(DQ Did people say that he was a rich man?) Yeah. Since they was allotted, and after that in 1906, they had a well on his father's place. They put about four on that place. He had an interest in that well. All them wells still producing. He didn't get much money. It goes up and down--\$10,000--\$20,000. They deposit it for him, and he get so much a month. It build up.

(DQ Where were you all living?)

Down there at the homestead, one mile south of Boone. I still own it. I rent it to a white man. I moved to town. Ben told me to, if anything happen to him. He say nobody's going to come stay with you out there. After he die I stay about four months. It gets kind of lonesome, you know. Finally I just make up my mind to move to town and stay there.

(DQ There are some people that impress you when you see them. They look like they are not commonmen. Was Ben like that?) No. He's good to everybody. He just talk to them. I don't know what to say. He's good to anybody. He's glad to see them. Some people don't want to talk to you when they meet you. He's not like that. He helps people. If they need anything they call on him, and he'll help them, just anybody. Sometimes a person is sick and needs any money, and he'll help. Most of the Indians are like that. If any of his relatives are sick, they will help him.

(DQ Did people like him because of his money?)

No, I don't think so. He don't give them money all the time. Theyx come to our place, but he don't give them money. No--all tribes, if they ain't got ~~xx~~ no place to stay, we let them stay here until they go again. We even let a white man stay. It was in 1937. This white man got a bunch of kids. He was kinda loafing around with his kids. He came up and wanted to know if he could camp by the creek. We let them. They stayed two years. They eat mostly beans, you know, and one day Ben went to town and got some flour and some meat. That man didn't want to take it. His wife, she helped me with my house cleaning, and the kids played with mine. They sure were good. Then the man got sick and the welfare took the kids.

When he got some money, when he got another oil well on his place, he helps the poor people, the white churches, the march of dimes, the missionaries, and the poor childrens.

The Old Man (Ben), when he was living, he helps that church outx at Mulkehay. Mulkehay is his step-daughter. The old man believes in the church, but he use this medicine, this peyote. And he goes to this Manatidie. He's strong on it.