

HOMINY TRADING POST

In November, 1903. And we taken possession of a quarter section of land on Big Hominy, seven miles east, and Hominy Post Trading Company:

(Where was that post? Where was that sitting, right down here or north of town here? That post, where was that post at, right down here.)

Oh, that post at that time was down on Pan Creek. And where 99 Highway passes through now. And the first post, Indian Trading Post, was established at that time--had been established some time before; but at that time, the trading post was run by Fraley and Woods. And later--well, I wouldn't say later, but somewhere along about 1900 Price and Price built a store. Come from Virginia and built a store there along the side of the old trading post. It was run by Prentice Price, Percy Dixon, and George Treadway, and Fred Drummonds. And at that time, Indian people all lived in camps. And they drew forty-one dollars a head as interest on the money the Government owed them for the purchase of their reservation in southern Kansas, which was five thousands per head. And they drew this interest of forty-one dollars a month...

(Oh, I see.)

...for each member of the family. And, of course, by them living in the camps and most of them had big families. Well, that was a lot of money in those days, on account of the prices of being--prices of commodities being so much cheaper. And so much stuff obtainable through the natural resources like game, fish, and produce. It was raised. That money went a long ways. Of course, the Indians at that time all drove horses, and horses was of very little expense to them.