

a lot of people was just so superstitious. Now you take the lard, it has no kind of effect on it, unless you ever ate the lard. That wasn't no superstition. But far as being superstitious, in regard to this and that this and that. Same way with cooking. Well, I tell you, I hate to say this..well I tell you, you take a woman that has her monthly period, in our way, in our everydaylife as a tribe, theywon't eat anything that awoman that cooked that was in that stage. Just like I say, I told my wife, now you take some of the older people that we knew. They would go in restaurant, that was where they went. Woman cook. She not going to tell them she's this way. I say, you know that's hard. That's one of the things that I know that I was told. I heard the older people say that.

(How long did the government give out rations?)

No, I don't remember. That well enough, because well I say maybe about 1910. I'm just..it's an opinion, I don't know. But I know, we were come from..we lived out here a little ways, we would come in and that was it.

(Did they ration all tribes here on the same day?)

Yes, no, don't hardly think they did. Lot of them, I don't remember that. I was just a young boy, see, we come over here and I'd get out there and play. I didn't know what..I know, I was told that we used to come in here and get some rations.

(How about help from..in agriculture. Did the government make any effort to help the Wichitas improve their agriculture?)

You mean, in regard to farming? No, I don't recall, after I could distinguish this from this and that. I don't recall why the government ever did help our people, that is to get out there and tell our people to do this and do that. What knowledge we did have in regard to that, we learned that in school, I would say that in that respect, they helped us. Well, there were older man than I that went to school, and they were taught how to harness a horse, how to set the cultivator shovels and how to get out there and plow with a walking plow and so forth. It was alright, I thought.