

I was on that place. Well we have a pretty fair understanding on it, we don't have anyone kicking or hollering. But in most, in some cases it's really complicated. I know we have another place up here. We have there's a party a member a member of a party that inherit the land. This woman will not divide. She will not sign to divide, she will not sign any lease and she will not sign to sell. Boy, I tell you that's..

(Does that hang up the whole thing if the other parties won't sign?)

That's right. They can't sell it if she doesn't sign and the bureau won't divide it if she won't sign because the petition. When the lease time comes around, and the lease is made and she won't sign, they'd hold the thing up and the bureau had to sign for the funds. And all the money for that is paid to the office and we had to wait out here for our checks, every year. Maybe we get three or four dollars, we have to wait for it maybe six months. But most of the people get their money directly.

(Directly through the bureau?)

No, directly from the leasee. You negotiate the lease and well, it's approved or disapproved, other words, if the leasee doesn't meet that payment, you find a man that's going to meet that payment. Be OK you just sign, everybody sign. Then it go to office for approval and if it's approved then you take your piece of paper to your leasee and get you a check whatever you have coming for that certain time.

(How do they usually pay, annually?)

Yes, well there was a time back there they used to pay twice, January and July.

(Is that a different system than they use for some of these other tribes?)

I think that's..we all have the same system. Pawnees, well this here been the area office for these various tribes, several tribes. And they rest all these people here, Shawnee and Pawnee and Ponca and those people in Kansas, Morton Kansas they all under this area office here. But I just imagine..

(I thought that some of these tribes like the Kiowas and Apaches, that the lease money was paid to the office and then doled out so much a month. Do they just do that with the old people?)