

with the Indians because there was too much money in circulation there. The government allow them to gamble among themselves, but no white people gamble with them. And that's the way they are. And they kept us busy watching them them white fellers and traders collecting for what they sold to the Indians on credit, and bill collectors, at the store. When the Indians come over to the store to cash their checks, they got a lot of bankers in there in the store. And lot of cash in the store. And they have to be guarded, from robbers. All the back and the front. Just police is everywhere. And after the Indian gets his cash, ready, and come out, all the traders run up to him. Well, they can't help an Indian on the trading grounds. They can talk to an Indian on the trading grounds and force him about his bill and collect. Maybe three or four have the same Indian and hold on to him and won't let him get away till they get their bills collected. And he's trying to break loose. Maybe he has some particular one he wants to pay first and some of them tell some kind of story that he'll be back and this and that and get away!

(What was the name of that store that was there?)

At that time it was Gillette Rowe (Or Rowell)--Later it was combined with Lawrence. Lawrence & Rowe.

(Is this anywhere near that Mount Scott Methodist Church?)

Yes, it was. The church is a mile away, up there, and the store is down there in the creek bottom where the trees are. There used to be a Sub-Agency there. And there was a Field Agent there and a doctor. Dr. Tong was his name--same name as that Museum Curator in Lawton. (At time of this interview Marvin Tong was director of Museum of the Great Plains--jj) Dr. Tong. And that was where the payment was going on--in Dr. Tong's office. It was a long government building with about six rooms. That's where he live, and a visiting room and an office. The waiting room was kind of large. That's where the payment was made.