

got a little education. Not too much, but they got some education--they go along with what positions we make, you know. (Is this your second or third term on the council?)

I've been on five times. I was on when that first adjudication was made on that Ft. Laramie (?) sale--in 1959--we got that 53,000,000 acres up in Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska and South Dakota. We won that, that time. Yeah, that was one of our claims cases. And then I went back in again. We got this Colorado Treaty--this Medicine Lodge Treaty--we got a settlement on that. Then in 1965 we settled on the money part. I was on that, too. But in the distribution of the money--I wasn't in on that. I was kind of a program man, you know. They kind of kicked me out because I was--they wanted to get one hundred percent per capita payments. (Probably John wanted to use the claims money or part of it to develop tribal economic programs, but the majority of C & A adults favored per capita distribution of most of the money.--jj) So I got out of there. And then I went back in again. Now we're going to this EDA or whatever you call it. There's different programs coming out. We got a man in Washington right now, making file on agreements on this Canton shore line and we're trying to solve this heirship problem. See, a lot of these lands has got five and up to sixty or eighty heirs on one piece of land. We're trying to solve that. We're trying to borrow a big bunch of money from the government for the tribe to buy these Indian lands that are going up for sale. And in return, if some young couple or somebody wants to buy that piece of property, the tribe could go ahead and sell it to them. And they'd pay that loan back. And that would be one ownership that way. We're trying to get this--lot of our people don't know too much about it, but they're catching on--this making out of wills. That would solve a lot of that (fractionated land holdings), but a lot of it is just divided. Like my wife, this place was her fathers. Her mother had thirty-two acres in here. But when she made a will out, she divided it so they'd have 80 acres apiece, you know--her and her brother. This is the original Yellow Hair allotment, this place here. So that was solved pretty easy. Otherwise there