

would have been more heirs--her half-brothers would have come in on it. But that's one of the biggest problems we got now, this land heirship. Another thing we're going up there for is to determine the probate--on certain pieces of property there's a lot of people on there--trying to get it all, and it takes a long time, you know. Some people die and some more--the examiner have to go through all that again. And sometimes it takes about four or five years to get it all settled. That's how or why we're trying to buy up all this heirship land--so it will go back to the tribe. If we just go out and buy that property, that land will be--every Cheyenne and Arapaho that's enrolled will have a little share of it. I hope that can go through some. I think that's the way it is all over the United States.

NUMBER OF ARAPAHOS TODAY

(How many Arapahoes are there?)

I just read in the paper over here that there's 407 Arapahoes--full-blood Arapahoes. But I don't know how many halves we got. My grandchildren--I got one here that's Sioux and got some here that's Choctaw--and they're all mixed. But of full blood Arapahoes, there's only 407. Or something like that. We're both full bloods and all my boys are full bloods, But they're married into different--married girls that's half or three-quarter or--something like that.

(Of the approximately 6500 enrolled Cheyennes and Arapahoes--about what proportion would you say are Arapahoes?)

I'd say it's about 3 to 1. Cheyennes outnumber Arapahoes 3 to 1. That's just a rough estimate.

(Do the Arapahoes and Cheyennes get along pretty well on the Tribal Council?)

Yeah. We have to kind of go along because they--we're a minority group--we have to go along with them. Because they get all the benefits, mostly. And they get most of everything because they outnumber us, you know. But we still go along. We just kind of overlook a lot of that stuff. We just go along with them. Just so a little bit of our tribe gets a hold of something, it's all right. So we been getting along like that for I don't know how many years--maybe hundreds of years.