

ORIGIN AND MOVEMENT OF THE ARAPAHO:

The five plains tribes of Oklahoma are the Kiowas, Apaches, Comanches, and the Cheyenne-Arapaho. And I'm a member of the Arapaho tribe, and I think I'm pretty well posted on my people. In the beginning the government has moved us around. Originally we, the Arapahoes, have originated from Minnesota. And my people moved west, directly west. They came to Montana, first they came to the Dakotas. There they came into contact with the Cheyenne. And then the Arapahoes and they moved on west into the Black Hills. And the Cheyennes followed the Arapahoes, and there, we the Arapahoes, camped around the Black Hills, for I don't know, five or six years and finally moved to Wyoming. In Wyoming they moved as to Ft. Laramie. From Ft. Laramie they moved us over there to east of..(he can't remember the place.) Well, anyhow it's right close to Guymon. We were there for a time being. And then our people came in contact with the Utes. And the Utes and the Arapahoes never could get along. They fight and battled, fight and battled over buffalo..over something to eat. They didn't want one of the tribes to take the whole herd, so finally the government moved us to Ft. Supply. From Ft. Supply, they moved us to old Darlington and then before they moved us to Darlington, my people they had trouble..with General Custer. When they massacred Black Kettle at the Little Washita. There my people move further on into Old Mexico. And finally the government wanted our people to come back. They sent troops over there, begging them to come back. They finally came back and they made us stay at Old Ft. Reno. At that time there was no agency for the Cheyenne-Arapahoes at that time. Then they put up an agency for the Cheyennes at Concho, Oklahoma and the Arapahoes at Darlington, Okla. And now Darlington has been abolished for the Arapahoes. And it's a