

began in 1865, more or less. By the sale of the land in Kansas where they had resided - around St. Paul, in that area, they - the sale of that land, he purchased this particular Osage County and on the north, the boundary is the Kansas line and on the west and on the south, is the Arkansas River. And on the east, it is bordered by the Washington County line. Approximately 1,800,000 acres is what they had purchased back in 1860-65. Then the movement began down in here with Governor Joe as their guide along with other leaders. The other leaders are known as Topa, Hard Rope, Strike Axe, and (Osage name). Those type of names I can recall through what they told the stories have been handed down that those were some of the leaders that were on the council with Governor Joe. They began their movements with their bands and moved into this Cherokee Nation. And the government set up an Act of Congress for them, starting in 1880 on up to 1906, when it was completed and then the allotment in June of 1906. But prior to that, about 1883 or '85, my grandfather, Governor Joe, passed away at the age of 50 years old. We felt that it was a young age, but yet he had a strenuous political, tribal career of the movements, negotiations with the affairs of the Osage people at that time. But that caused him to fail in his health and he passed away and he died. He laid in state at that time, in the City Hall, and the entire county paid their respects to him at that time and he was buried in the Pawhuska cemetery and one of the first - one of the very first to be buried after Pawhuska, city of Pawhuska, had become a town in Osage County.

ENTIRE FAMILY PARTICIPATES IN TRIBAL AFFAIRS

In line of all of my brothers, and my father and grandfather in their time of being interested and having active part of the Chief, Assistant-Chief, and Council of our people, I felt that I had, more or less, fell in line of that particular air of going along with the affairs of our people in the interest