

Columbia University. Dr. Henry Elkins on Anthropology. Not only studied with him, but I taught him a lot of Indian ways. Then I got in the Indian Service. I was stenographer and sometimes finance clerk at Anadarko, Colony and Concho. Then the Indians started a claim against the United States. I was going to study--start to law school but my people kept me here. Well, the next best thing, I thought, to continue my ambition was to help our tribal attorney was was recognized and approved by the government in the Secretary's Office. His name was Daniel B. Handerson. He taught me law, four years. Constitutional law. So I would know how to proceed with our claims. Then I studied--at the University of Chicago a while. Anthropology. And then I studied at the University of Oklahoma under Morris E. Smith. He died of sleeping sickness. And then I studied under Dr. Truman Michelson who was head of the Smithsonian and a professor at Georgetown University in Virginia--Washington. So that way I got to know all the procedures--how to go about our claims in the white man's way. And we got that claims. And up to date the Cheyenne-Arapahoes got the biggest claim that any tribe in the United States has ever gotten. We got thirty-eight and a half million (dollars). Thirty-eight and a half million.

ARAPAHO CLAIMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

(What was the claim for?)

Land taken from us. Massacres. Crowding us in our territories that we previously possessed. And a lot of other things that the government didn't carry out by the treaties. So we won that case. The first case we won was '58. I heard the case in Washington--before the Claims Commission. And the last Oklahoma claim--Oklahoma lands here--we won that in 1962--six years after that first claim was recovered. We got fifteen million, clear, with no obligation, no counter-claims, no offsets, or nothing. Now we loan that ten million out to the Bank of America in San Francisco. It's out three or four days ago--six months--5-3/8% interest. Compounded quarterly. Now it's going back to