

back in 1892 or something--)

Well, it started in 1890 and it lasted till 1892. The final closing of allotment was May 2, 1892.

(I was wondering if you could tell me something about how life was in that time, either from what you remember or from what you heard.)

I was living in those days. I'm going on 84.

(And I was especially wondering how the Indians selected their allotment--)

(Interruption)

What was known as the Jerome Commission came out. It lasted for several months. The chiefs would be called down there to councils at Darlington. And of course the Indians all came down to camp. They wanted to know what was going on and they asked them down there. And they'd have councils. This (showing me some printed material) is a reprint of what transpired--I'll let you use this. It's a congressional report. Well, this deals with the Agreement of 1890 and how we were allotted and the time and dates of those things. This (another document) is on another bill--we was trying to get Fort Reno back--

(Were the Arapahoes in favor of having their lands allotted?)

Well, not without preconsidering the thing. But the government so insisted on it that finally the Indians agreed. They went to Washington, and got out more facts. But anyways here's some things where you can find a lot of things about that. I know my father, he'd always have a big crowd of headmen and chiefs at our tipi, discussing this allotment plan. And how the government was going to help the Indians settle down and farm and raise cattle and all those things. How they was going to furnish lumber and tools--which they did have lumber down there at Darlington--for, like, making new boxes--wagon boxes and troughs. They even made coffins for the Indians when there were deaths. And the blacksmith shop made a lot of things for the Indians--for their needs, you know, out on the farm. Fixed their wagon wheels. Tighten their wagon wheels. Made new neck yokes, tongues, double trees and single trees and all those things were available. And a lot of other things. All they