

had to do was just drive over there or walk over there and tell them what they want. When they find out what you want, they'd make it. They had--I know two men that were there all the time I was attending school at Darlington--that was about eight or nine years, I guess. One of them, the blacksmith, his name was O. H. Smith. He had two Indian helpers--boys that had learned the blacksmithing trade in Kansas--Chilocco, and Carlisle. And the other one was a fellow by the name of Putt. He was a carpenter. And he had one or two boys working for him that had learned the trade at Carlisle or Haskell. Of course they stayed in school, or some of them stayed in their own homes--their quarters. They helped work these things for the Indians, you know.

(Was this after the land had been allotted?)

Before and after--until the policy changed about 1903 or 1904. They discontinued the blacksmith shop and the carpenter shop. The Indians eventually went on their own thereafter.

(Did the Indians have to pay for the things they got there?)

No. No. It was stipulated in their treaties and agreements. Let me see that (printed government document)--I think there's a reference in here to Medicine Lodge. (Jess looks at the document and reads) "The Commission was composed of Honorable David H. Jerome--" That's the one that came out and made the agreement with the Cheyennes and Arapahoes. "--of Michigan. Judge Alfred M. Wilson of Arkansas and Honorable Warren G. Sayre of Indiana. Mr. Jerome was a former governor of Michigan and the other two were highly respected citizens of their respective states. The Commission stated in their report to the President...Executive Document Number One, First Congress... that those Indians were made to understand the terms of the contract and its effects. The qualified interpreters certified that all signers of the said agreement understood. Terms were also represented by their attorneys, (?) Crawford, (?) Reynolds, and Miles." But they didn't represent us, no. We'll come to that later on...the signers of this document...(Jess is consulting the document, trying to find a certain passage).

(You were saying your father had all these men come to his tipi