

those payments. And in those days before the country opened, everybody had to go to Anadarko Agency because it was cash. They don't get the chance taking the cash around to these other stations. They escort it from Ft. Sill to Anadarko, between U.S. Cavalry and United States Marshals and police. And they paid cash. But after the country opened, they get to pay it in checks. I just know one incident of forgery. There weren't no forgeries hardly. I don't know, but the other tribes might be some forgeries from the other tribes. Only part I had with the other tribes was the Wichitas, Caddoes and Delawares. I was working with the Indian Agency and I handled the Wichita and Caddo roll.

(Oh, you did?)

IDENTIFICATION OF INDIANS VERIFIED FOR PAYROLL

I have to identify them and they have to sign the payroll. Then I pass it and give them a ticket and they go into the place where the clerk writes the check. And then they go out to the Indian agent. The Paymaster signs the checks and delivers it. I'm the No. 1. They come to me and I identify who they are, get all their numbers and get how many in the family. And they have to sign the roll and then they go on down the line and at the end they get their check.

(Well, did they just get one check to each family or did each person get a check?)

They give the check to the head of the family. Unless the child is 18 years old. Girl must be 18 and the boy 21 before he can draw his individual share. And the Kiowas, they don't sign when they draw their money. They don't sign. They come up to the end