

character-reading. And he always--I heard tell one time when I was about five years old--about the people that was coming here. They were gonna be sewed up in cloth-rag clothes--something like that--not like these goods, you know, when everybody used to wear buckskin or hides. They're gonna come in. They're light people with blue-gray eyes, brown eyes, and brown hair. They were certain I guess. Many, many years and they're gonna come to this country. I heard them tell that one time--just casually heard them--tell it to some men there. And he read that book. It's a whole hide--something like that--written in characters. He was buried with it. They reburied him last June at Fort Sill. We dug him out. We found him.

(Did you see that hide yourself?)

No, I didn't. If I did I was just a little boy, because I know my oldest brother helped bury the old man. And he's the one that established where the grave was, so we dug around and we finally found him. My brother said--I know when they buried him, they just fold that hide--it was a whole elk hide, I believe it was--something like that. They fold it and put it on his chest. And they covered him up. I mean, fix him up. Buried him with it. But when they dug him up, everything was just--only piece that we found, I think--and even it was corroded--I think it was a key. He lived-- See, when the 23rd Infantry of the Army was stationed at Cantonment and left out there--1882 or 3--somewhere along in there-- why they gave him that building as a chief--the Officers' Quarters. About seven or eight rooms. A stone building. And he moved there and lived there till, I guess, he died. Oh, he came to Darlington at times, and went to Medicine Lodge for that Treaty--before that. And after that--after 1869 or 1870 I think is when he moved in that building--stone building. The Quarter Master's building is still there. Still intact. For that Army garrison. But the house that he lived in has been dismantled and tore down. But I think that's where I heard some of those stories--I think I saw that hide. A cousin of mine, younger than I am-- a few years younger than I am--she claims she saw that.