

(Do you remember about what year that was?)

Must have been about '47. I met him two weeks before that at Anadarko in front of the Indian Office there. I walked up and he said--he noticed me and he said, "Well, my friend, you have come." I told him, "Yeah." There used to be an old Arapaho scout here--one of our oldest men--that was his acquaintance too, I guess--or his relative. He says, "How's my friend, Ute?" I said, "He's getting along all right." He said, "You know Ute is ninety years old," he said. "He always like to sit on the street, on the ground, on the floor. But when he gets up, he gets right up. "Me," he said, "I'm just eighty-four," he said. "But I always have to crawl up before I ever get up," he said. "But that old man-ninety-he just gets right up and walks off."

(When did you first meet Apache Ben?)

Oh, ever since I was a boy. He used to be a deputy sheriff on the departmental (unintelligible word).

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION, 1888

(That's real interesting. I would like to talk more with you about Arapaho friendship, but maybe we could get back to these years, the way we started out. Do you remember what happened after that year Big Bow came and brought the dance?).

Well, that was 1888. The first celebration of Fort Reno after it was established by executive order of 1883, July 17 was the date of the executive order. And of course they start that fort at Fort Reno. And it was announced publicly and heard--learned--that we was going to have Fourth of July there. So a lot of Indians came down after the Sun Dance--no--after the Tomahawk Dance, I think it was. To Darlington. There was a big camp there. And of course the Cheyennes and Arapahoes had a lot of good running horses. Those running horses were bought from W. G. Williams' ranch of Minco. And there's another ranch there--Johnson ranch--I don't know what the initials was.