

They had been there since 1887, I think. In fact, I think earlier, but I was too young. But they all came to Darlington. And the new Agent that had come in--I think it was Myers--they thought they was going to start an uprising. (Probably Agent W. B. Dyer, who got alarmed when he saw a gathering of Cheyenne Dog Soldiers and sent for troops to protect the Agency--j.j.)

So the old system of telephone was that they had about two-inch pipes as telephone (telegraph-?) posts. That run from Fort Reno straight through to Little Rock (?) and past that to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on in to Washington. I was told years after that that Myers thought the Indians were going to start an uprising. And he called for a lot of army help. The soldiers at Fort Reno knew better than that. They said, "No, there isn't going to be no disturbance." Even though he knew as an Agent that the cattlemen were coming in to make their new leases, about that time the law had already passed, February 8, 1887, that the Cheyenne-Arapahoes were going to be allotted, under an agreement. And the cattlemen were requested to cease leasing their land. Tribal lands, for their pastures, but that they must take their cattle out. Well, that wasn't considered, but the cattlemen wanted to--in fact I heard that they wrote to their Congressmen from Texas and Kansas and Arkansas and Colorado to support the new leases among the Cheyennes and Arapahoes, not knowing--or if they did know, they disregarded it--of the act of Congress that the Cheyenne-Arapahoes were going to be allotted under an agreement. Well, at that time--I learned years after that--the Dawes Commission was coming out to enter into an agreement with the Cheyenne-Arapahoes, for the allotment of their lands in severalty. Well, that didn't work out, but the cattlemen were ordered to take all their cattle out. That was 1889. I started to school that fall.

JEROME COMMISSION

1890, the agreement started. Jerome commissioners came out. I think there was three of them--Jerome--we call it the "Jerome Commission." Sayre, so selected