

a bit to those council. I was just about seven or eight years old then. So whenever the agreement was signed....regardless of Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty, Article XII, provision. That's what our foundation was on our claim.

(I was just wondering how your father and Left Hand were persuaded to go on and sign it.)

Well, my father and Left Hand sensed the whole thing as--first, my father had quit four of his wives. Why? Because he couldn't go out and hunt any more. He couldn't provide for those women. So he kept two of his wives--my mother and her sister. Besides, them days they still had a lot of Indian work to do like porcupine quill work and bead work and tan hides and provide food and all those things. My mother was good at that, they said, and her sister. But these other four, they just, you might say, weren't trained early enough to be good at those things. He sent these wives back--to Little Raven. That was Little Raven's daughters. So they went back because my father and them was getting old and couldn't get out to hunt no more. I was too young to do anything like that. So, they said they were good to us. They were going to give us ~~cattle~~. They're going to build houses for us. They're going to give us rations twice a year--clothing, summer clothes, and spring and fall and winter clothing in the fall. They're going to take care of us, like we used to for our kids. That was one reason what I know. See, my father, him and Left Hand come in and they said this. I got a record of it. "If they let us sign above--on top--below Left Hand, we'll sign." And my dad said, "They can sign above me. No particular reason I want to sign ahead because I'm with Left Hand. Let them sign." So them Cheyennes signed above my father. Then the rest of them, when these four main Cheyenne chiefs signed, then the rest of the Cheyennes started to sign and then the women started to sign. There's quite a bunch at Fort Reno and Fort Sill that were scouts already--and had families. They all come in in bunches and start signing--regardless of whether they had plural