

possibilities that would develop later on. Which they were. (Did the Agent have any power or did he ever try to help the Indians select their allotment lands? Or did he have any say-so about what they would select?)

No. No. That was up to the Indians. They had employees with teams. Some would haul the grub. They had to go out for several days in different sections of the Cheyenne-Arapaho company. And they had to have groceries, and in other words they had to have a load of rocks. Why? Because they had to stick 160-acres cornerstones. Cornerstone on a half-section, and cornerstone on another quarter--to designate where those stones were planted--to represent a quarter or an eighty. Then when they run out of rocks they'd go to the Red Hills around Greenfield or some of them other hills where they have those flagstones. They have to get them big enough so they can set them right where the surveyors marked the corner. So all those stones were implanted there to designate--identify--quarter sections.

(Did the Indians have any trouble recognizing--which pieces of land were allotments--recognizing the boundaries?)

The women and men--oh, a few young men--eighteen, nineteen, and twenty years old--they choose their own allotments. Of course within their family area. But the girls and boys, they don't care what--I didn't even know where my land was till I got grown up.

(In your own family, who picked out your allotment for you?)

My father. In fact, they got in bunches. Like my father, he had an aunt that had three daughters and they were unmarried--they were widowed, I think--and he brought them in there and he allot them along with our area. And their son. Nephew or whatever it