

And some of them would haul water to their homes, and some would go down to the river and wash. They didn't know what ironing was in them days.

(How about their blankets--was there any way they washed their blankets?)

Very few washed their blankets. In fact they just had certain blankets they wore every day, but the good ones were always packed away. They always moved around so much they'd air their bedding and clothing out. Make poles and hang their clothes out.

ATTORNEYS TRYING TO BE HIRED BY INDIANS AND AGENTS' MANIPULATIONS

(After that year, the next year, what was outstanding?)

That's 1892? Well, there was attorneys that started coming out from Washington, mostly. Wanted to hire their services for the Indians' claims. Again, what was publicly known where the Indians were shorted on this money like this sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, and where these Indians had defrauded their own tribal members by getting paid for work against the Indians. The first attorney we hired the Agent had something to do with--in 1896. A man by the name of John Murphy came out from Washington. Instead of contacting the Indians he went to the Agency. Major Woodson was Agent then. And it was all fixed and dried by the Agent's agreement with this attorney that a dollar and fifty-five cents of our six-month annuity payment would be taken out from each Indian--families--to pay for this lawyer's services. And the Indians didn't know about it till September when they start taking us back to school. This same clerk I told you about in changing that wording in the Agreement concerning the seventy-five dollar payment told the Indians what had happened. And the chiefs got together and