

townsite and the first celebration they had here, you could still see wheat stubble--right on the streets here. Back around here, and there were some old shanties and this and that. And they had a board--lumber--bank. Anyway, that's the beginning of Geary. But the town was named after an Indian--part French--part Indian--Cheyenne--who had a ranch out here. His original name means (unintelligible word.) But the French was Guerrier (Jess pronounces this more like the Spanish "Guerrero.") That was his English name. Which means "warrior" in French. So while he was in Washington with the Cheyenne-Arapaho delegation a few years before that--while he was in Washington he had his name changed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to "Geary" in English--pronunciation and spelling---G-E-A-R-Y. Before that his name was G-U-E-R-R-I-E-R. So the merchants got together here. I happened to know some of them. And they invited (people) to come over and they talked about naming this town after him. He's a ranchman and raised a lot of cattle and Throughbred--Kentucky--racehorses. So they agreed to that and so they name this town after him--G-E-A-R-Y--after he had changed his name to the English spelling. So the town is named after him. He was still living then. He died about 1916 or 1917 somewhere along in there.

(Where was his farm?)

Southeast of here about three miles and a half--toward the river. His name was Ed Geary.

(Did he get an allotment?)

He got an allotment and his family. He married a sister of George Bent-- Julia Bent was her name. Then she became known as Julia Geary.

(Was he part Cheyenne? )

He was half-Cheyenne and half-French.