

They wanted to have this dance. So they were down here while the Civil War was going and they were down here, see? Them fellows were dealing and when that settled down, then they finally had to get this all straightened up again. Long in there then these Cherokees, he was with these Cherokees, this Busyhead and this Ross, he was friends, 'cause they been round here all this time and that's how come we still got them around here, Cherokees even got 'em on the roll. Then that who he was with, he's good friends to them. Guess he's been with them all this time. They used to have their trouble with 'em over here too. Claremore, they killed a bunch of Osages, and all that, things like that, then they were around here. Then, when they sold that land, this first treaty they made, that (unin) he wouldn't sign that treaty, but Governor Joe, he signed, he just like this (unin), he wasn't no chief, he was just an intelligent man, I suppose you'd say. He didn't know how to hardly talk English. So, anyway, he went ahead and signed that. But Congress, they wouldn't ratify it. That was about in 1865. They didn't ratify. They sold the land, the deal was going along. And they paid them for that land. They didn't know which way to go. Governor Joe, he wanted to go on to Western Kansas. Round Hutchison and out in there he was wanting to get land out in there. This old man, he was down here, and he didn't approve of that. So he wanted to bring them down here. His reasons were that this land was kind of rough and that time they was wanting farm land. And you can't farm very well around here, you know, these hills and everything around here. Well, he thought maybe they would leave us alone, because they won't want this land, maybe they'll let us live in peace. Then, there's good streams, good water, lots of game, hunt and fish, lots of timber, even. We can keep warm. You go out there and you going to freeze, no timbers. Well, says Governor Joe, we won't have to go so far to get to the buffalo. See, they like to live close to buffalo. We'll just be close to the buffalo, migration trail, 'cause they used to come from Missouri over here to hunt buffalos. So he said that way