

along that order. They drew up this constitution and by-laws. They had a constitution convention and they drew this up and had elections. They had executive, judicial, like the regular national government. That's the way they organized - they set it up that way. They run that, but these people weren't ready for that, I guess. So, they couldn't make it work. Then they had police, they used to have Indian police. Just like these tribes now, they got their own police and courts and stuff like that. The Osage, they had it then, but a little too early, I guess. Some way, it didn't work. They couldn't get together. And finally they, like our village committees, it's gotten to the place where it's just falling apart. People don't take no interest in it and it gets to the place where it's falling apart. Well, that's kinda how that was. So, they had to do something. So, that's when they changed it again, - they done away with that and formed another government where they had to elect these chiefs. They had a chief, they elected a chief. That's when (Osage name) he run that first time. This Governor Joe - he got it see, he beat this old man. He was the first - I think they call them Governors - that's where they got the name, governors. They had governors and that's where they got Counties too. They run that - let's see in 1880 something, and they run from on that to 1900. And then they had another change. That's where they started about the allotments. They began to put the pressure on for all allotment. Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory, they were going through that too. They were getting ready to form Oklahoma state. Through all that, that's how they forced this allotment on the Osages. Then they didn't want it and they fought it. Then that Dawes Commission came to the Cherokees and they wouldn't have nothing to do with it - Osages wouldn't have nothing to do with it. They couldn't do nothing about it. So, they went on to 1906. That's when they formed that special Osage Commission to allot this land. They reserved the minerals. Somebody done that. There's a story on that, that I been hearing now that they