

town, the Chairman of our Native American Church is here, this Ira Hamilton." I said, "What about it?" "Well," he said, "It's been reported--and we saw it ourselves--it's a fact--he's running with a Apache girl here. And inquiring around, we found out that his wife had left him. Gone to Nebraska. Now he's alone and now he's here two or three days, we heard. So that doesn't look like Native American Church," they said. "So this next election, in a few days, we're gonna pop this up." So sure enough, that's what they did. When they. . . he went back to his wife and got his wife back--Osages.

(Does he have quite a money?)

Oh yeah, he's an Osage. They're not all equal, you know, in the way of financial. Course they've got that unified law they call--you know, all of 'em share in these oil royalties. But there's other--

(Do the Osages have their lands individually, like the Arapahoes?)

Yeah, yeah. They have their lands.

TRADING STORE AT DARLINGTON: GOODS SOLD:

(Really, what I wanted to talk to you about today--I wanted to go to where we were talking about the different years, you were remembering the outstanding things that happened in the different years. . . .I think we stopped with about 1901 or 1902, but I don't remember the last thing we were talking about. I know you had told me about during the Spanish-American War, when there were so many soldiers stationed here at El Reno, and we had gone past the 1900's--I was wondering if you could think about about the years 1901 and 1902. Tell me about when you were a cowboy, too.)

Yeah. That was 1897 or 1898. And part of 1899.

(And you had told me about when you worked in the store--)

Yeah--1901.

(That's about where we stopped, after you had described that store in Darlington, and all the different things they had for sale. Maybe we could start from there.)

I think that's about where we stopped. I remember, soon after that--I couldn't