

Everything they could get their hands on was agisnt the poor people and Indian people. Then so some to then said "Well, this is a free nation." And they advertised to every other country, "We got a free country over here, come over here. We've got land anywhere you go. You can fish in it anywhere." And so, everyone come. And they did.

(They sure did.)

And the Government. . .they sued the Government for all this land and divided the money among the Indian tribes. (Static interference here) So, he was a slave to a white man first. He was a slave and he run off. He and Betsy both run off. They wasn't married. . .it was called common-law then. Of course, they were important treasures to this white man. But he run off and hid out, him and Betsy. They made their way across the Mississippi River by working their way across. (More static interference.)

INDIAN ALLOTMENTS

Some fullbloods, over in the hills tried to got out and get to Bartlesville. No water. . .there was a few of the Cherokees scattered around here. They come over here and tried to get them to come in and lot their land. And they did. That is they lived all right. They'd go down to Muskogee. And. . .see, they refused a long time over in there in the hills (Words not clear) they wanted their own land. They could have filed on pieces of land out in the oil fields. They said no that some people already going to take that. Said "We'll got way up by Blue Jacket and Welch and spot some land up there." That shows you how things worked out, 'cause I have talked to some of 'em and I know.

CHEATING INDIANS ON LAND DEALS

And these cattle men up there, you know, had land all around 'em. They'd say "Well, I give you 50 cents an acre. There'd be two or three Indians in that section, you know, and the rest of it would be owned by some cattle man, you know. . . They'd buy from some Indian, you know, that would sell as soon as he