

there. It was called Shelton's Store and they had a real good business from the people of the Indian village there. There was no business in the Indian village that I can remember. I think there is a law anyway that there is not to be any business there, although there was a general store over at the Gray Horse Indian village close to Fairfax and I don't think there was a store in the Hominy Indian village. But they would come back to town for their supplies. They all nearly, most everyone that I knew that we knew, I know that most of them traded at the Osage Mercantile. That was an old store and they had everything. They had groceries and they had hardware store and they had a clothing store and you could just about buy anything you wanted in that store seemed like. That was back in the early 20's that I am speaking of and long about that time seems like everybody had money.

OSAGES HAD MONEY TO SPEND IN EARLY DAYS

The Osages were getting real big money at that time and many of them were doing much good with it and some of them couldn't spend it fast enough, some of them tried to spend it fast as the can, while other it didn't bother them a bit because they had been raised up to live the way they did and they lived that way the most of their lives. That is the way my grandfather was. He was getting real big money, but he only drew out about twenty-five dollars a week just for spending money and of course he had this grocery allowance besides that. He wasn't used to spending a lot of money and he just never did do it. As far as I can remember, he only had one car and that was a Hupmobile, and he had that until he died. Of course he didn't drive it, but others drove it. When I got big enough to drive, I have driven that car myself.

OSAGES CAME FROM KANSAS

When the Osages first came to Osage County, before they came, they lived in Kansas and I understand that they sent a man down here--an Osage man to look this country over. And he came down and examined it good and went back and reported to the leaders of the tribe. And he told them that they had been