

'Course those Mexican migrant workers always use to come through there in the fall and pick cotton for us, they couldn't speak English and there was no communication between them and us and I was a little bit uneasy most of the time the Mexican Migrant workers came in because they couldn't speak English. I couldn't talk to them so I just stayed away from them.

(Was this allotment land you were farming on?)

Yeah, it was allotment Grandpa's land, our grandmother's, Martha Ware. I think they did real well; I think it's mostly crop rent because I know my stepdad would take a load of cotton and my grandfather Lynn Ware he gets another load, hauls it; my stepdad generally hauls his to Anadarko gin and grandpa takes it to Washita gin which is closer. I think they did real well till my stepfather got pretty ill and stopped farming altogether, but I know they did real farming when I was small, they did a lot of farming.

(Did all the Indians in the area do the same thing with their land?)

No, not all of them, a few, but I really don't know, I mean I don't think they were too many farming; what there were farming did real well.

(How did the white farmers in this area do?)

Course the white farmers had more acreage to farm, they leased a lot of Indian land, but these Indians farmers generally farmed their own land or leased a relative's land, some relative--but, all in all, some did real well, others didn't. Then they were real interested in politics, I know that.

POLITICS:

I know that, that is my family was, the Wares; Louis Ware, a cousin was one of the first Kiowas to win a seat in the state legislature; he was a Republican and won in a democratic district which was quite an accomplishment. I was pretty small at the time but I remember Grandpa used to go with Louis, Louis Ware, he was campaigning at the time and I think they went all over the county, campaigning.

(Was there any special reason that he was a Republican in a Democratic area?)

No, I don't think so. Course, I think a lot of these Indians at the time belonged to the Republican party because at the time on the ballot the symbol of the Republican was an eagle I believe and Indians always very highly of an eagle, he's quite a symbol