

they put the college so far back east, but I suppose they had their reasons. But getting back to our subject, they--the Department of Interior took several hundred thousand dollars from the Osage fund for the construction of these buildings. I never could get it clear, I imagine the--with the approval of the people at the time whether it was all of the people, we don't know. As we said in later days, they did it without our consent. And that's what we recovered, when we call it the civilization fund. Like I said, back in those days people were--didn't have one body to conduct the business. But the tribal groups, they just gathered the leaders of each tribe, each group, each camp and did the business with the Government. Of course, we had leaders that were recognized, such as chief of the tribes. Some camps did not have their own and didn't recognize them, but I believe it was the way most of the tribes went along at that time. Anyway, they used this money for the construction of these school buildings. And so, that just goes to show you that Osage was willing to go along with progress in civilization as well as the next person in those days, and to the extent of almost a million dollars. And so, these--of course, the Osage didn't realize any too much profit out of the deal. I don't think too many of the Osages attended Carlisle or Haskell. They more or less as the time went, they just knew they had this money, they thought it was invested and they just let it ride.

#### EARLY DAYS WHEN THE OSAGE PEOPLE CAME TO OKLAHOMA

So, just going along to show you the Osages in those times were generous, and were willing to go along with the modern trend, you might say, and that was even back when they moved from Missouri to Kansas reservation, which was around 1870. But they moved the Osage, but before I don't recall the exact time. I'm not quite up on my dates when they moved from Missouri to Kansas, but it is all in the history books and it can be found in the treaties that the--in the Archives in Washington. And so it--they--the extent of the Osage as I have been saying, they were wealthy in many things other than just the