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OSAGE PEOPLE BOUGHT READY-COOKED FOOD.

When I first begun to know these Osages - well, I had lots of chickens, more than I needed. So I thought, well I'll just bring them into town and sell them. And when I came in they said, "Well the Indian people likes those chickens and we can't buy many of them but maybe they will." So I began to go out and look around amongst these camps. So I went out west of Hominy - they called it - it was about a half a mile or a mile - and they called it the Logan camp at that time. And I met Mrs. Martha Pryor there. Her name then was (Wahshunka)(?). And she says, "Well, she says, we would like to have some chickens, but we want them cooked. So she said if you'll cook about a dozen hens -- fresh boil some of them--make dumplings, and bake some of them and we would like to buy them that way. And at that time I - they offered me a dollar a hen - well, that counted big to me, so I'd fix up quite a batch of food and bring it in and the first one camp and then another, and they would buy this stuff from me. Therefore I got real well acquainted with the Osages. They are fine people, good people to get along with. And seemed always to have the cash when I would come with my food, they liked us - this that cooked food. And they would get together when they would have a - what they called corn drying days - and they'd be in the summertime when their corn would get ready to gather, why, they dried this corn. They're great hands for dried corn and they would dry this corn - they would get a good many of them together and that's when they would dry this corn and they would always want me to bring some cooked ready for them to eat. That's one way I got acquainted with them. And then I met them in the -- they called it the Black Dog Camp, that was south of town, which I met Mrs. Shinki and many other old people.