

VALUE OF DAWES COMMISSION

(What were the Dawes commission--what was their function?)

Well, they were allotting this land out, you know, to us.

(I see. Well, they went around then and found out where people lived.)

Yeah and then they just--they surveyed it you know.

(They surveyed it.)

Then the people began to stake their claims.

(Yeah, they staked their claim on the land they were living--well; that was)

You know, people should have got some nice places because they could go anywhere they wanted to.

(That's right.)

But you know that changed just like over night.

(Why certainly.)

Now they can't do that.

(Oh no, that was just a once in a lifetime.)

If they had just gone ahead and got 'em a place.

(Yes)

But I guess they didn't know anymore about it than we did.

(That's right. It was all new to them, all new to 'em and nothing was explained to them.)

They didn't know what to do.

(That's right.)

And they didn't expect anything.

(Just the beginning of trouble. Course that's the history.)

And you know when they allotted lot of these Indians why these white people come along and bought this land from them for little or nothing.

(That's right.)

And then they settled down, see, and it just went to growing.