

(Well I think they--that was around--they say around 1870. That's when they negotiated to buy this here.)

Go to Independence. They used to go up there to see a doctor. Osages see pictures of old timers. They did while back I don't know see yet or not. They got one picture up there, they said, man's running from Ponca City clear to where, close to Miami, someplace down there.

INDIAN REMOVAL

(Did you ever hear 'em talk about this, you know they had a big Indian gathering out here. Way back there about 1860, 1868, over there at Medicine Lodge, you know. When they took all those Comanches and Kiowas, Apaches, and all of 'em--someone was telling me Osages was just--they were camped there, too. But they was just looking on, you know, seeing what them white men was going to do with those Indians. That's how come we come, they say we, after that we bought this here reservation. You remember anything about that?)

No, I never heard about that. One thing about that I heard Edgar McCarthy told me that. He said before we started moved down here from Lawrence, Kansas, they had a council meeting. Chief had somebody down here looking this over. He had to report up there, they told 'em what kind place it was. Lots of woods, timber, lots of game, lots of water. They said they liked that then. Then somebody else he said he didn't like that too much timber. Too many big snakes and animals. They didn't want to come down here. So they said they had a council meeting and they talked about it. This man over here said, I don't know, he said, I liked this place it's all prairie. It's all prairie, lot of buffalos, lot of antelopes. And this man over here said, well it's, we're down here we get lots of deer and turkeys and everything. That's what you want, That's what we get down here, lots of water, woods, timber. We can use that in the winter time.