

(You know, that's something that's interesting is to study all these treaties and trials about the Cherokee Nation.)

Indians couldn't write.

(No.)

They couldn't read. They made a cross.

(Yeah.)

Well, usually, they was forced to do that. What does an old Indian that don't understand English know about a treaty?

(He doesn't know anything.)

But he knew to cross.

(He just put a cross there because they told him to.)

The army witnessed them.

(Yeah.)

That is, some of 'em. General or men in the army witness that treaty.

(But he didn't know what he was signing, though.)

Nope. He had no idea.

(And that's what become of the Cherokee Nation. It was just taken away.)

It's a funny thing, I think, that's no justification. Well, seen here not long ago, we come got a little money and this payment was from another payment, when they sold six million acres of ground that belonged to the Cherokees.

(Yeah.)

And then they give us a final payment. They said then that these seven lawyers they sued for this money; they got \$14 million. They got \$700,000 apiece. Or maybe it was just \$700,000. I've forgotten how that was. And they got it; that's the way they got it. They got the last payment. See, the representatives of the Cherokees fix this thing all up so they could get paid. Then they--there's a lot of Cherokees that is subject to being