

HENRY HARRIS, JR., DESCRIBES ALLOTMENT

O: Tell me, do you remember the opening of the reservation?

H: I do.

O: These Indians who fled and went to Pine Ridge, obviously they were pretty mad about the opening of the reservation.

H: About the opening of the reservation.

O: Now, what about the rest of the Indians? Were they upset too?

H: No, they weren't upset. They knew it had to come.

O: There was—they were sad about it?

H: They felt sadly about it. But, they didn't care much. They said, "Well, if we have to live like a white man now, we have to do it." But this old man Suckive said, "I'm not going to be a pig in a pen. I want to put a fence—don't fence me in." These guys, Suckive, Moros Cisco and Red Cap and—let's see, there was Suckive, Red Cap, Moros Cisco and Yellowstone.

O: There were the four leaders, huh?

H: Four leaders, yes.

O: I see. When the Uncompahgres were allowed to cross the Green River into this area—let's see, that'd been '86. Did you ever hear your dad tell about them being allotted up in here?

H: Yes, they were allotted, some of them were allotted up here and given farms; some were given as little as 40 acres.

O: I see.

H: There were a lot of these acres allotted. Some of the White River gang was allotted here and a few from Ignacio.

O: Among the oldest Indians that you can remember from a kid, who were the old leaders, say when you can remember, maybe 1910.

H: Well, sir, in 1905, let's see—.

O: You named the four who went to—

H: Yes, they were the renegades

O: They were the renegades.

