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The last treaty, I believe, happened in 1914. All of a sudden, the government gave itself permission to do another treaty, even though they said it was outlawed. And so in 1914, they did a treaty with the Utes. And it was, again, over some lands that contained some mountains. But at the current time with treaties, the tribe that I, the band that I come from, I am on the treaty steering committee of our tribe. And we do have a treaty council. And our responsibility is to ensure that these treaties are upheld.

So what we're doing, excuse me, is we discovered through some of the research that, and I think that the oral history must have gotten lost on this one, we discovered that we have a peace treaty with the Pawnee, the Ponca, and the Yankton that was signed on January 23, 1863. And when we discovered that, it said that the Ponca were tired of essentially being caught between the Pawnee on the south and the Iktawa on the north. And they were our mortal enemies. And so when we would fight, the Ponca would be in between.

So they asked the government to intervene and say, could we create a peace treaty where these tribes could not be warring? And so again, my great-great-grandfather struck by the way he was on that treaty. He signed that treaty. And he's the grandfather for many of the relatives at Yankton. And one of the Pawnee signers was Crooked Hand. And they met in Niobrara, Nebraska, where Niobrara is located now. And they signed this treaty. And they said that they would forever keep the peace.