

(So it would be about 250 to 300 for the whole thing?)

Yeah. In those days. Pardon me (unin.)

(Did you pay the money to the Indians then or to the department?)

To the Office. Paid it through the office.

(Would the Indians ever come around you and see you and want any money?)

Oh yeah.

(Did you ever give them any?)

No, I wouldn't ever give of any of that lease, no sire. I went through the agency. No sire.

(So, then you ever did have too much trouble that way?)

No, I never had no trouble that way. And theres a lot of them now and sometimes you have an Indian that got his leasin in certain way. You --certain privilege. leasin' direct. Well, now you can pay him. But now you have to tell him that. You have to pay him just like you pay him through the office. There's been a lot of nice Indians these days, there's some friendly. You know, they just like any other kind of people. Yes sir. Lot of nice Indians.

(Well, when they came around to see you to get any money and you lend it to them, and you said if you didn't lend it to them on the lease, what did you have to do, put up collatorial or something?)

No, I just sometime they just pawn a pony let them make you a note. Such as that.

(If they pawn those ponies, do they ever come back to get them?)

Oh yeah. Some of them, most of them wait a while. But now, they didn't, most of them pawned then. Then this old boy, beat us out of land; we wasn't hard on them.

(You say that didn't happen too much. They didn't come around @ pawn things?)

Not very much. We didn't know much about it in them days. Course them was olden days. No the Indians ain't bad people. I've got some as good of Indian friends then I have anywhere. I tell you about, you know, now the office, you