

Oh, about five miles west. It was called Lariat Creek.

(And who had that place?)

Bear's Lariat. A lariat made out of bearhide, I guess. He was my father's half-brother or cousin. We have no word for cousin.

(End of Side A)

Side B

Comanches, when their hair gets thin and there be just a small bunch, they put it (sweetgrass) under their hair and tie it over it. You couldn't see it but it makes their hair look thicker. And of course you can smell the odor in there.

(So they'd take this sweetgrass and braid it in their hair-- under their main braid?)

Yeah. Their hair would cover it and it would make their hair look thicker. I've seen Comanches do that. Just like some of these girls now fluff their hair up, you know. Me, I was just the other way. I used to have to cut some of my hair off so it won't be so thick.

(Does it take a lot of this grass to make a braid of it?)

Well, yeah. Now like this Indian that gave me some--he supposed I was going to braid that. There was Indian who was good. You couldn't see any of this white part or the root part, but he'd braid it in such a way it was all even--just like one continuous long thing. You wouldn't know where it lapped, you know.

Just keep adding a little on, you know, and oh, it looked nice and even.

(If you're going to braid it, does the grass have to be fresh picked?)

No. They dampen it. When they're going to braid it they just