

(How long would a woman keep this kind of record of her children?)

As long as they lived. As long as they still had children born in the family.

(Even after they were married?)

Yeah. (I don't think Jess understood this question and his answer may not be reliable here--jj.)

(End of Side A)

SIDE B

JESS'S WORK AS CLERK IN DRY GOODS STORE

(Well, we got off the subject on those tools, but I'd like to go back to the years--the year count. We left off with 1899 and you were telling me about being a cowboy (see T-237).--)

That was the last year I was a cowboy.

(What--the year after that--what happened?)

In 1900 I was in school and I finished the eighth grade then. And I was one of the pupils of the storekeeper, W. A. Sullivan. He was our Sunday School teacher. He's from Washington. He's one of the clerks at the Agency, and when the Settle's, we called them--the store--the merchants--the old man got old and his boy went almost blind--Jack Settle--so they sold that store. So this W. A. Sullivan, this office clerk at the Agency, bought that store out. And he was our Sunday School teacher. I was in his class. In 1900 my father got blood poisoning out here and I came home. I had been home for about two weeks. He wrote to our government Agent that used to live at Watonga to see if I wouldn't come back. He wanted a boy to work in the store. So he asked him to come and see me, so he came out and saw me. I said, "Yeah, I'll go and work down there." So, on April 4 I got down there. I took the train over here at Geary and I went down there and got to the Agency and went right over to the store. I told him, "I'm here. You