

know that just caused to be washed away, the hard rains, you know. Well, that's true, and if people had been thoughtful, they should have taken methods of prevention then, if people had followed their advice. Now when we come, mother passed away and I came back from Texas and came here on this hill, this was just, well, all the dirt was washed off and the troubles. . . I sometimes think about the men who started the, they're building the terraces, you know. And I had the folks come out when they first advertised, and I had them terrace all of this. We come here and spaded it and now we got bermuda and grass in the ditches that had started right down this ridge, well, if you go down this hill, I remember when that field and this other field over there were level. There wasn't any. . . well, now, this one washed off or something after the road was put down that way. Because the east side's much higher. But now, at one time that was just one solid field, farmed it that way. Went from one side to the other. ((Static here)) Daddy had, it took something to turn that prairie sod. And there's a man by the name of Van-truen, he wanted to farm some with Daddy, and he lived in a little two-room house not too far on the Denningbird property. And he moved in a part of the house, little old house of ours sittin' out here now. And of a morning, when there'd be a dew, he had hounds and he had a pen and he kept them up. And of a morning, when there'd be a dew, good for them to run, he'd get up early and go feed his horse and Aunt Mat'd fix breakfast, and he'd turn his hounds out, before he set down to breakfast. Soon as he got his breakfast, by the time he could get his breakfast, they'd have something up and he'd get old Salem, a big brown horse, and start to follow those hounds. And the grass would be up to his stirrups, and the dogs had to follow those coyotes they was after by leaping, and I stood in the yard and watched those dogs