

or not--he married my son-in-law's sister--Fletcher's. All right. His father had land right north of Greenfield--right north of those red hills. Well, they sold that house. That house sets here in town. And that land laid idle there--vacant--just a few trees, and the foundation there. And evidently their father had given some tracts to his kids--two boys and a girl. Well, one of them, Ralph Hail--a drunkard that lived in Watonga--never worked much. Oh, he worked, but he'd get in jail after he gets his money and gets drunk, you know. But just not long ago--about a month and a half ago, or two months ago--his mother had given him eighty, there somewhere near Colony. And after that, his eighty leased for sixty-five thousand dollars. And that boy went and bought property in Oklahoma City. I don't know what he's doing there now--why he wanted to live (there). Why didn't he live in Watonga? Why didn't he buy an Indian place around here? But he lived--bought a forty thousand dollar home in Oklahoma City.

(Is he living there now?)

He's living there now.

USE OF JESS'S FATHER'S LAND FOR HAY AND CULTIVATION

(Interruption and conversation resumes on Jess's father's land.)

(Your father's land was all hay land and bottom?)

Yeah. Sort of a nice arrangement. Since then they've made that canal, you know--drainage. Then that kind of ruined it.

(What canal are you talking about?)

Well, up above us--the white people above us--always be (?) they made a drainage that come through our place. So that kinda gave a lot of--

(Well, when they put this drainage ditch through your place, did they have to pay you anything?)

They had to get permission from the Darlington office. But my father said it wouldn't hurt his land. Said it wouldn't benefit their land--hurt his land because on account of the hay, you know--this unjoint hay--it was valuable.