

LIFE HISTORY MATERIAL

(When did they plant all these tree rows?)

In 1939 they started planting them. We moved over there in 1937 and then they started after that. In '38 and '39. There were a bunch of these Indians-- they used to plant in different bunches. Used to go on one side and then this side. There were some that used to plow the ground--mark it. It's been quite a while.

(How did you come to move over here to this tribal land in the first place?)

Because my husband used to work all the time. They want a man that knew how to work to come and farm and we farmed until he died. And after he died me and Imogene, we farmed ourselves. She used to run the tractor.

(Now at that time was that when you just gave them a third of the crop instead of paying any rent?)

Yeah, when he start farming. What he raised, he used to give a third. But you know these Indians is always kicking on something--knocking on anything. They talk and talk until they're just a bunch of things-- It was to be that way. We was just going on, but they got to where these Committee (men) wanted money. I don't know what they do with the money they get.

(Now what did they first charge you--was it \$150.00?)

Yeah, a hundred and fifty.

(Do you remember what year that was?)

That was thirty-nine--thirty-seven and thirty-nine.

(When they started charging you the money?)

Yeah. That's what we paid. Then it come up to five hundred dollars. For five years we paid five hundred dollars.

(What time did they raise it to five hundred dollars?)

In 1940. They raise it. And then in forty-five they raise it to eight hundred and nineteen (\$819). And then in sixty-nine they raise it up to one thousand and six--