

(Under this leasing in privilege, do you make the lease with your renter?)

Well, we go in there (office), and one of the clerk makes it out, fills it out. There's a lady, ...he has to pay...there's a lady in the office in Anadarko, Mrs. Cox...Ruth Cox...why she makes all those, I don't know. She makes pretty good money when it's time. She fills out the papers for us, and we turn it in at the office. Then they hold it awhile, for so many days, and according to the record it goes through so there's no mistake. Then they send him a notice and me, if it's approved. And if it's disapproved, they'll go back and find out what it's about. We never have had any difficulty.

(When you make a lease, how do you decide how much you are going to lease for?)

Well, we used to just go, and tell him I want so much. And that's the way we'd agree. But now, the department in Washington went and made this office go and appraise our lands. Of course, you might as well say they were cheating us right along, not giving us enough. Oh, my renter nearly died when he found out what this land had to be paid for. Now, this place down there... we're lacking about eight some odd dollars of two thousand dollars. Well, we used to get...we thought we was getting plenty. We was just getting six hundred dollars a year. That's all we were getting. And when they appraised the lands. Oh, that renter, said I don't see how I can make it. Well, there's others if you think you can't. Just let it stay up until somebody gets hold of it. He said, well I think I'll take it. Oh, it's good land. But he's good, that man. Some of them has a habit of going...the Indians...ask the renter they want money. But him, he said. I don't think I'll ever do that, but I will always pay your rent on time. That's the first day of December, he pays. He mails my check, when I go to the mailbox on second or third day of December, my check is there. He's good about that. I never did go up there. My sister's been up there, I don't know what she went up there for. My brother. I never tried.

(Are you all together on that piece of land?)