

I can almost tell--let's see, he died in '37--I'd say about '30. That's 'bout the right date that we bought this land. And I had some little oil leases on it. Lease pays the taxes, but the crop don't. My boys, they haven't bought any Indian land. They bought land, but it's been through the white people.

(Well, did you ever see much of these Indians that you leased the land from?)

Oh, yes, as I told you they--that main place, they reserved a room and they, say they'd come every three or four months and stay over night, up, who and holler around there and the old Old Juanco died and then course she had a boy and when she come they had to have what they called an Indian cry. They go way down in the pasture and have a reunion and, but they jest made a stay down in there, say to come Friday and then they'd lease Sunday and wouldn't hear anymore of them.

(What did they come for, just to check on you?)

I guess, cause it was home or something. And then they'd be broke and want some feed fro their horses or some bread or chickens or something. And to get 'em to leave well, you kinda went along with 'em--whatever they wanted you managed to give 'em. I remember one occasion they kinda got into us and we saw old Juanco comin' and I told my husband, "Go in the other room and hide." And she come and she come in and she said, "Where Frank?" I said, "Oh, he's gone." "Uh-huh, I know Frank here, I stay, I stay." So I went around the other way and told him to come in there (--) and give the old lady a few dollars so she'd leave. So that way we always got along nice.

(Did you ever get to far behind on that?)

No, no not, jest a few dollars now and then. We lost--course that's been so far back, you have to forget things, you know? But, we never lost very--never on old Juanco. (--) they'd leased from--from the great-grandson, I guess and he'd--so this other man kinda got in between them someway. And he said he'd sign for so much and they jest put it off thinkin' he'd come sign. And I think he turned out to be kinda of an alcoholic. The boys didn't want to deal with him, but anyway, Henry Jackson got the lease. And we had it for a long, long time. Lotta Indian land down in that part--occasionally the Indian put up land for sale, you know.