

(You helped a lot of them didn't you?)

Oh yeah. Wouldn't charge a penny. That was something I would have felt guilty if I would have charged for it. 'Cause those people were as poor as I was. And they were only getting about half what they should get for the leases on land. And one fellow I knew - fellow by the name of Jim Watkins was leasing the land from some full-blood I forget the names of the full-bloods. They lived on Honey Creek. And their land was up there by the timber hills. And he'd lease their land and he'd give them groceries, out of his store. He give them \$65 worth of groceries. 'Course at that time, that would a been pretty near a wagon load. Give them \$65 worth of groceries, in June and in January he give them \$65 of groceries. For 400 acres of land which he was leasing from them. And he was leasing this, then, subleasing it, and getting \$2.50 an acre. Cultivated land and a \$1.25 for pasture. So that's - he was making money. Alright, they called me on that case. I told Major Husing, these full-bloods wouldn't go up to 'em. They refused to go to Major Husing. Says we've heard that Major Husing give us a check for \$15 and sent us home and he kept the rest. I told them "No," I says, "That's your own. Somebody's trying to beat you." I says, "somebody's trying to get to you." So I finally persuaded them, I told Major just what I had found out. And he says, "You get them to come here if you can." I did. I finally got them up there. The next day I was at the wagon yard at Vinita. I stayed all night at the wagon yard. And they was going up to load up the groceries, and next morning and go home. I told 'em to just wait a minute, we'd go up and talk to Major Husing. We did. Well, he says, "That man, he says, you ought to be getting more than that. It's got a house on it has 200 acres of hay meadow." He says, "The rest is cultivation and pasture." 'Cause it told on there what is was, you know and in writing. He had the writing, he had the location of this land. He had been trying to find who owned it, that is where the owners lived. So I found it for him. We finally got him up there.